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May 31, 1962

Mr. James H. Gale
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536 South Clark Street
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Re: Rocco Salvatore Pranno: Possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 1951

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Sincerely,

JAMES P. O'BRIEN
United States Attorney

By:

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Chief, Special Prosecutions Unit

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] b7D

DATE: **6/18/62**

FROM : SA **PETROS A. KOTSOS**

[ ] CI [ ] SI

[X] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact **6/5/62 6/13/62 (telephonic)**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	**92-924**
SALVATORI BATTAGLIA	**92-914**

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

See attached insert

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

[redacted]

Rating **Very good**

Coverage **Same**

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On June 5, 1962, PCI [redacted] was thoroughly indoctrinated concerning the FBI's jurisdiction over the new federal gambling legislation. He was also advised regarding the Bureau's jurisdiction and WSTA, ITSMV and ITSP statutes. PCI [redacted] stated he would keep alert concerning any possible violations of these statutes by PRANNO or any other individuals and report the information immediately to the Bureau. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was advised of the confidential nature of his relationship with the Bureau and that he was not to contact Agent KOTSOS or [redacted] personally at the FBI Office, that he was to use extreme discretion in telephoning any information he had in his possession regarding hoodlum activities; and that he was not an employee of the FBI. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that he would comply with above and that he personally desired to furnish information to the Bureau for any action they deemed appropriate in view of his high regard of the Bureau's work. [redacted] stated he had no confidence in the States Attorney's Office inasmuch as he believes there are "leaks" in that office.

[redacted] said that he was contacted by [redacted] who is a Stone Park police officer and was told that JIMMY PRANNO wanted to see him concerning the [redacted] stated that he had a conference with JIMMY PRANNO wherein PRANNO discussed [redacted] ability in regard to the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said he met with PRANNO at [redacted]

[redacted] b7D

PRANNO stated that [redacted] learned of [redacted] ability and personality in regard to the handling of certain matters. [redacted] said that PRANNO was enthusiastic about having [redacted] inasmuch as he felt that he could trust [redacted] in view of [redacted] background in [redacted] looking towards possibly getting a cut from any possible [redacted] stated that another individual was seen with PRANNO at D'Ors. He is described as a white male, partly bald, 5'10" - 11", age 40 years, wears dark glasses. He was wearing a sports shirt and was possibly driving a 1960 tan Cadillac. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] learned that [redacted] is returning to work part time with the Stone Park Police Department in the later part of June. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that he learned that PRANNO fired a girl who was working as a waitress at his place on June 4, 1962. He said that PRANNO was not afraid to talk in front of the cook who was working in the kitchen at D'Ors Lounge. [redacted] said there is a telephone in the rear of D'Ors Lounge plus a phone at the bar.

[redacted] stated he learned that [redacted] who runs the [redacted] owes the PRANNO brothers $3,000 and that [redacted] has lost his bag about three times and the bags are believed to have contained narcotics. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that he believes that PRANNO is not only in charge of Stone Park, but also has some control over the town of North Lake. He said that he has observed a squad car from the North Lake Police Department in the rear of D'Ors Lounge and he believes that PRANNO possibly has some friends which he can control on the North Lake Police Department.

[redacted] b7D

On June 13, 1962, PCI [redacted] stated he met b6 b7C b7D
with [redacted]

[redacted]

stated that he will be able to obtain more information regarding PRANNO's activities in the Stone Park area as a result of his job at night. [redacted] stated that he heard that [redacted] is no longer with the Stone Park Police Department and that he was told by PRANNO not to have anything to do with the [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] b7D

DATE: **June 27, 1962**

FROM : SA **PETROS A. KOTSOS**

[ ] CI [ ] SI
[X] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact **June 19, 1962 and June 20, 1962**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	**92-924**
RALPH PIERCE	**92-375**
[redacted]	[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive **See attached insert**

SA [redacted] advised re negative contact of informant regarding RALPH PIERCE. b6 b7C

SA PETROS A. KOTSOS is apprised of the information regarding [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating: **Very good**

Coverage: **Same**

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On June 19, 1962, PCI [redacted] advised that b6
he was in the Stone Park, Illinois, area on June 18, 1962, b7C
and that he learned that [redacted] ROCCO PRANNO's [redacted] b7D
[redacted] is now the [redacted] for Stone Park,
Illinois. [redacted] said that this position has more power
than the Chief of Police. Inasmuch as [redacted] now has
power to determine who gets [redacted] and to
[redacted] for certain taverns and bars in the
Stone Park area. [redacted] stated he saw [redacted] at the Stone
Park Village Hall on June 18, 1962, apparently after
a conference with the Board members for Stone Park.

[redacted] said he met with JIMMY PRANNO on June 18, b6
1962, and that PRANNO appeared to be in "good spirits." b7C
He said PRANNO again indicated that he was not talking b7D
with [redacted], who was formerly [redacted]
[redacted] also got the impression that
PRANNO "keeps the Stone Park Police on their toes" by
string up dissension between the police officers. [redacted]
indicated that he heard from [redacted] that PRANNO
wanted him to pick a fight with [redacted]
stated that [redacted] is a "thief" who was formerly held
in high regard by PRANNO.

On June 20, 1962, PCI [redacted] stated that he b6
believes there is some bookmaking in Stone Park, Illinois, b7C
and that one [redacted] LNU, who formerly had [redacted] b7D
which closed when the Amber Lounge opened, is possibly
the bookmaker operating in Stone Park. He said that [redacted]
[redacted] was a place where the employees of International
Harvester Company, 35th and North Avenue, came to place
their bets.

[redacted] said that Angelo's Tavern, is again b6
allowing gambling to take place in the back room, and [redacted] b7C
believes they are engaging in "craps" games at this tavern. b7D

[redacted] said that one [redacted] from Elmwood
Park, may be coming into Stone Park and accepting bets on
races. [redacted] said he is not sure concerning the last
name of this individual, however, he will check further
regarding gambling, specifically possibilities of book-

[redacted] b7D

makers controlled by ROCCO PRANNO in Stone Park. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D stated he had never heard of anything concerning one RALPH PIERCE.

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TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-375)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-924) (P)

SUBJECT: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka
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OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Springfield dated 3/19/62, and Springfield airtel to Chicago dated 4/2/62.

Chicago has developed information from a PCI that one [redacted] who runs [redacted] Illinois, is reportedly in debt to the PRANNO brothers. PCI has advised that ROCCO PRANNO, who manages the D'Ors Lounge, 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois, sends his employees to [redacted]. It was also ascertained from informants that [redacted] has lost his [redacted] on at least three occasions and it reportedly has contained narcotics. According to the PCI, [redacted] is an Italian immigrant who has previously interned at [redacted] at New York City. b6 b7C

On 6/20/62, [redacted] (protect identity), advised that one [redacted] Springfield, Illinois, is reportedly on the staff of the [redacted] Illinois. b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] advised that there was considerable publicity in the Chicago papers concerning the "Hoodlum Ties with the Construction of the Bruni Memorial Hospital" and the activities of one [redacted] and his connection with Chicago hoodlums. [redacted] stated that one [redacted] State of Illinois, made various allegations regarding [redacted] and the funds that were obtained to build the Bruni Memorial Hospital. [redacted] confidentially advised that [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] Illinois, born in Italy [redacted] has been [redacted] in the State of Illinois since 1959.

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Springfield will through the Director of [redacted] determine complete background information regarding [redacted] and his credentials [redacted] in the State of Illinois under [redacted]

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Springfield will contact [redacted] Director of Public Health, Springfield, Illinois, for complete information regarding any data he may have about the Bruni Memorial Hospital, Inc. at North Lake, Illinois, and the connection between doctors on the staff with Chicago hoodlums.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [redacted] DATE: 7/2/62

FROM : SA [redacted]

☐ CI ☐ SI

☑ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 7/2/62 (telephonic)

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	92-924

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative

☒ Positive See attached insert

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Personal Data [redacted]

Rating Very good

Coverage Same

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On 7/2/62 PCI, [redacted] advised that ROCCO PRANNO has a new automobile. It is a 1962 Oldsmobile, Super 88 (?), Tudor Hard Top, Solid medium blue. Pranno is using his old license plates.

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On [redacted] advised he observed Pranno at about 3 p.m. on 6/30/62 drive west on St. Charles Rd. off of Mannheim Rd.

At about 11 30 p.m. 6/30/62 [redacted] observed Rocco Pranno, [redacted] sitting in squad car behind D'Ori's restaurant for about 45 minutes. Purpose of meeting unknown to [redacted] does not know where Pranno purchased his new car but said Pranno may have bought it at the Olds agency on 5th Avenue (EDDIE MORT OLDS, INC.), Maywood, Ill.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [redacted] DATE: 7/6/62

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

☐ CI ☐ SI

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Dates of Contact 7/2, 3, 6/62 telephonic

Titles and File #s on which contacted

[redacted]	[redacted]
ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	92-924

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☒ Positive See attached mems.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating Very Good

Coverage Same

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On 7/2/62 [redacted] advised that "Jimmy" Praino now has a 1962 Oldsmobile, Super 88 (?), Tudor hardtop, solid medium blue. Praino is using the same license tag. On 6/30/62 [redacted] observed Praino at approximately 3 p.m. traveling west on St. Charles Rd from off of Mannheim Rd. At approximately 11 30/60 p.m. 6/30/62 [redacted] observed Praino sitting on a Stone Park PD squad car with [redacted]. The squad car was parked in the rear of O'Ue's. This group was observed to be there about 45 minutes.

On 7/2/62 [redacted] advised as follows: [redacted] has a position in the office of the United States Marshal. [redacted] is associated with a number of hoodlums: He is a close friend of Rocco De Grazia, "Chuckey" Nicoletti and [redacted] are frequent patrons of gas station of which [redacted] was a part owner. He is also a friend of [redacted]. [redacted] said [redacted] has "big ears" and a "big mouth", and had a mouth like a "jukebox". [redacted] explained he meant [redacted] is the type who would repeat anything he heard.

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The gas station in which [redacted] had a part is located at [redacted] It formerly was a Sinclair (?) station and is now a Mobil gas station. [redacted] is also acquainted with the [redacted] brothers of Milton Park. [redacted] has served time in prison. He now has an interest in a construction company and the Addison shopping center. [redacted] is or was owner of the [redacted] said he has heard that [redacted] is a burglar. [redacted] is active in politics. He [redacted] has served time in prison and reportedly disappeared about 9 months ago. [redacted] reportedly owned a lot of [redacted] keeps books for the gas station in question and is employed by [redacted] and he is reportedly a contact for stolen merchandise. [redacted] described as white, male, [redacted] 5'6-7" in height, 220-230 pounds in weight, dark complexion, gray hair. He drives a 1959 white Cadillac, four door.

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On 7/3/62 [redacted] furnished the following: "Jimmy" Prunno came to [redacted] about 5 30 A.M. and placed call to [redacted] (?) and asked for [redacted] (believed by [redacted] to be [redacted] received the impression from Prunno's conversation that [redacted] was dealing with some girl and that a second girl was also present. Prunno appeared to have intended to beat some girl, possibly one of the girls with [redacted] but something seemed to have interfered with his plan. Prunno told [redacted] to take both the girls home and he (Prunno) would take care of the matter himself later.

[redacted] learned from Sgt. [redacted] Stone Park PD that Prunno got his new car through Maryana Motors, Dodge dealer on Mannheim Rd., Stone Park. This dealer reportedly got it for Prunno at cost.

On 7/6/62 [redacted] furnished the following information: [redacted] came to [redacted] about 1 30 AM 7/6/62 and said to get in touch with the O'Leary and [redacted] that Jimmy (Prunno) wanted to see them right away. [redacted] then

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left and returned in about 5 minutes and said to get [redacted] too. It was about 4:30 AM before [redacted] arrived. At about 4:30 AM (8 March), the Chief, [redacted] were in [redacted] for about half an hour. The Chief did not go home until about 6:00 AM.

Also the same night [redacted] went to [redacted] to put out two colored men who [redacted] wanted out. These men were not causing any trouble and left quietly when requested. No gambling was observed in [redacted] at this time.

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Chicago, Illinois
July 19, 1962

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Petros A. Kotsos, dated and captioned as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANT

CG T-16 is an individual who resides and is employed in the [redacted] area and in this capacity is very familiar with the activities of ROCCO PRANNO and his associates. b6 b7C b7D

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Synopsis:

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ENCLOSURES

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Two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum containing characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to develop and report information regarding ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO's associates, activities and legitimate enterprises.

INFORMANTS

Informant	Date of Contact	Contacted By
CG T-16 PCI [redacted]	May 25 through July 6, 1962	PETROS A. KOTSOS and [redacted]

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA PETROS A. KOTSOS
Date: July 19, 1962

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File No.: 92-924

Bureau File No.: 92-5614

Title: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO resides at 1608 North 39th Avenue, Stone Park, Illinois. PRANNO's activities around the Stone Park, Illinois area set forth. Surveillance in vicinity of D'Ors Lounge, 1741 North Mannheim Road, reputed base of operation for PRANNO set forth. Interviews with Illinois State Fire Marshal Deputies disclosed information regarding fire at the Par-A-Dice Tavern at 1745 North Mannheim Road. PRANNO obtained additional continuances regarding traffic violations in the Maywood, Illinois area. PRANNO reported to have surrendered himself to Maywood Police Department on a warrant charging him with driving on a revoked license. Information regarding PRANNO's activities and suspected associates set forth.

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DETAILS:

Residence

On June 4, 1962, a physical surveillance in the vicinity of 1608 North 39th Avenue, Stone Park, Illinois was conducted by SAs LOGAN C. PICKERL and PETROS A. KOTSOS. They observed a 1959 Oldsmobile, orchid in color, bearing 1962 Illinois license LT 2237 parked in the driveway of 1608 North 39th Avenue, Stone Park, Illinois. This is a newly constructed brick building with large picture windows, housing two separate dwellings. It was noted that there is a storm door at the front entrance with the initial "P" on the middle of the door. It was also noted that the second floor apartment appeared to be vacant and there was a "For Rent" sign in the window.

It is noted that ROCCO PRANNO drives a 1959 Oldsmobile orchid in color, bearing 1962 Illinois license LT 2237.

On June 20, 1962, the above described vehicle was again observed parked in front of the D'Ors Lounge, 1741 North Mannheim Road by SA KOTSOS. SA KOTSOS closely examined the vehicle and determined that it did not have any city or village vehicular tax sticker.

It was also noted that ROCCO PRANNO reportedly carries identification with him and has registered his vehicle using the name ROBERT C. PRANO, residence address 1029 St. Charles Road, Elgin, Illinois.

On June 1, 1962, a physical check in the area of 1029 St. Charles Road, Elgin, Illinois, determined that that address continues to be for the "South End Tap", a tavern. A thorough check of the mailboxes in the 1000 block of St. Charles Road failed to locate a name for ROCCO PRANNO or ROBERT C. PRANO. SA KOTSOS entered the South End Tap and made pretext inquiries for ROCCO PRANNO and he was advised that PRANNO has not been in the area for the last two years.

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Criminal Record

On May 25, 1962, CG T-16 advised that PRANNO has not come to trial for his reported traffic violations in the Maywood, Illinois area in about February, 1962, CG T-16 stated he has heard PRANNO has received over three continuances and has completely "snowed" the Maywood Village officials. CG T-16 stated he meant by this that PRANNO is a "pretty smart guy" who utilizes [redacted] in contacts with law enforcement agencies and the Stone Park Village officials. CG T-16 stated that [redacted] is ordered by PRANNO to do many odd jobs, such as using his personal influence in attempting to dismiss the traffic charges pressed against PRANNO at Maywood. PRANNO is very angry with the Maywood Police Department and believes that he can "beat the charge". CG T-16 stated that on at least one occasion [redacted] has attempted to get PRANNO off the hook on the Maywood charges.

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CG T-16 further advised that PRANNO was going to get a new car inasmuch as his present vehicle is too well known by the surrounding suburban police departments since the FBI has placed these departments on notice regarding the description of his vehicle and the license number.

On June 22, 1962, CG T-16 advised that LARRY SPALLA, PRANNO's bondsman was called in on an emergency to go to Maywood, Illinois last week to "spring" PRANNO since he was arrested on a warrant which was served upon PRANNO when he entered the Maywood Village Court to face charges in regard to his traffic violations. CG T-16 stated the warrant was reportedly for driving on a revoked drivers license.

Date July 11, 1962

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[redacted] Maywood, Illinois reviewed her records and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that her files contain information that FRANNO has been granted at least three continuances in regard to his indictment on two traffic violations, one for speeding and the other for driving without a driver's license in his possession.

[redacted] stated that she has followed this matter carefully and she has written the Secretary of State in Springfield, Illinois, and obtained information which indicates that one ROBERT C. FRANO, 1029 St. Charles Road, Elgin, Illinois, has had his license revoked. [redacted] stated she discussed this with the village attorney and finally drew up the necessary papers charging FRANNO with driving a vehicle on a revoked driver's license. Mrs. [redacted] stated that a review of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Act, Chapter 95½, Section 6-303 indicates that the fine for driving while a license or permit is suspended or revoked is subject to punishment of imprisonment for not less than seven days and not more than one year, and that there may be imposed in addition thereto a fine of not more than $1,000.00.

[redacted] stated that FRANNO had an attorney make prior appearances for him on the continuances, but she did not know his name. [redacted] stated that on May 24, 1962, an attorney by the name of [redacted] who is the attorney of record, made an appearance for ROBERT C. FRANO and indicated that he wanted to plead guilty on behalf of his client. [redacted] stated that FRANO could not appear personally before the court inasmuch as he had a heart attack and he could be disturbed if this case came to trial. [redacted] stated that FRANNO was observed in the court room at the time. [redacted] stated that her office had the warrant ready charging FRANNO with driving on a revoked license, however, they are not permitted to serve these warrants in open court although they are allowed to serve the warrants immediately on exit from court room.

On 7/6/62 at Maywood, Illinois File # CG 93-924

by SA PETROS A. KOTSOS/jmg Date dictated 7/6/62

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[redacted] stated that this warrant was not served when PRANNO left and she does not know the reason why.

The case was continued on May 24 to June 28, 1962, inasmuch as the Magistrate, ROBERT MC AULIFF, refused to accept the guilty plea by PRANNO's attorney.

Her records further indicate that ROBERT C. PRANO was served with the warrant charging him with driving on a revoked license on June 27, 1962, when he was surrendered by his attorney. [redacted] stated that the court docket entries indicate that PRANNO's attorney filed a change of venue wherein the affidavit stated that the responsibility of trial on the traffic charges for PRANNO should not be assigned to Magistrate ROBERT MC AULIFF or [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the Magistrant has not acted upon this affidavit to this date according to the information she has available, however, PRANNO is now scheduled to come to trial July 26, 1962.

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Activities in the Stone Park, Illinois, Area

On May 25, 1962, CG T-16 advised that he heard JIMMY FRANNO was going to buy a new car inasmuch as the "heat" has been placed upon his old car which is a 1959 Oldsmobile, orchid in color, bearing a 1962 Illinois license number LT 2237. FRANNO's car can usually be found parked directly in front of the D'Ors Lounge, 1741 North Mannheim Road. This is done by FRANNO in order to have complete observation of the car through the front windows so that no one can be afforded the opportunity to tamper with the vehicle. CG T-16 stated that this car does not contain any city or village vehicular tax stamps on the windshield.

CG T-16 has observed a pair of black gloves placed upon the dashboard. He stated that these gloves appear similar to the ones FRANNO were the day he slugged a customer at D'Ors Lounge. He stated that these gloves appear also to be identical with the ones [redacted] has been seen to have in his possession. b6 b7C

On May 25, 1962, CG T-16 observed a squad car from the North Lake, Illinois, Police Department parked at the rear of D'Ors Lounge.

CG T-16 stated that FRANNO can always be found at D'Ors Lounge and this appears to be "his base of operation." FRANNO has been observed driving around the Maywood, Illinois, area and also driving west on St. Charles Road toward Elgin, Illinois.

CG T-16 stated that FRANNO introduces himself as JAMES FRANNO and JAMES MARTEL to the customers and exhibits a "personable attitude" towards anyone frequenting the restaurant.

CG T-16 believes that there is a possibility that HERSCHEL who works for FRANNO as a doorman may be soliciting girls from the Americana Motel located at North Avenue and Mannheim Road.

On June 5, 1962, CG T-16 stated that FRANNO apparently has complete control over the Village of Stone Park and there is a possibility he has partial control over the town of North Lake, Illinois. CG T-16 feels that this

control is in the way of possibly taking in proceeds from gambling activities which are conducted under suitable discreet cover in various taverns in the Stone Park area. CG T-16 pointed out that Angelo's Tavern, which was raided last year by the Cook County State's Attorney's investigators for gambling, is possibly one of the taverns controled by PRANNO or his associates. CG T-16 pointed out that the Amber Lounge has also been mentioned as a possible place for gambling by various individuals in the Stone Park area.

CG T-16 stated that PRANNO's [redacted] was reportedly given the post as a member of the [redacted] which gives him a great deal of authority in [redacted] for various taverns to open and close. b6 b7C

On June 20, 1962, CG T-16 stated that he believes there is some bookmaking in the Stone Park, Illinois, area and that one [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), who formerly had [redacted] which closed when the Amber Lounge opened, is possibly the bookmaker operating in Stone Park. He said that [redacted] was a place where the employees of International Harvester Company, 35th and North Avenue, Stone Park, reportedly come to place their bets.

CG T-16 said that Angelo's Tavern is again allowing gambling to take place in the back room and that this gambling consists of "crap games."

On June 28, 1962, CG T-16 stated that he believed PRANNO is out on a $500.00 bond which was posted by LARRY SPALLA at the Village of Maywood reportedly for PRANNO's driving on a revoked driver's license.

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Date 6/14/62

On June 4, 1962, a physical surveillance was conducted in the vicinity of D'Ors Lounge and Restaurant located at 1741 North Mannheim Road.

It was noted that one TONY CALZARET is now appearing as an entertainer at D'Ors. This was noted on the D'Ors marquee above the front door.

At approximately 11:00 a.m., it was observed that a vehicle bearing 1962 Illinois license [redacted] was parked in front of the lounge.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., ROCCO PRANNO was observed at the side of D'Ors Restaurant talking with a white female, age [redacted], 5'8", 120 lbs. It appeared that PRANNO and the white female were going over mail that had been received at the side entrance to D'Ors. It is noted that this side entrance apparently leads to a second floor apartment.

ROCCO PRANNO was described as a white male, 6' tall, 185 lbs. He was wearing a white sports shirt, dark blue pants.

It was also observed that a 1959 Oldsmobile, orchid in color, bearing 1962 license number LT2237, was parked in front of the D'Ors Restaurant at 11:00 a.m.

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by SAs LOGAN C. PICKERL and PETROS A. BOTSOS /MJT Date dictated 6/8/62

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Associates

[redacted]

CG T-16 on May 25, 1962, advised that [redacted] is a [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] knows PRANNO very well and has been frequently observed at the D'Ors Lounge spending a lot of money probably for girls. b6 b7C

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According to CG T-16 [redacted] is returning to work for the Stone Park Police Department on week ends. [redacted] reportedly is very close to PRANNO and is considered to be one of PRANNO's "favorite police officers" inasmuch as [redacted] does anything that PRANNO desires.

[redacted]

On June 22, 1962, CG T-16 advised that [redacted] one of PRANNO's "flunkies" who was recently placed on the Stone Park, Illinois, [redacted] made a "citizens arrest" about three weeks ago of a woman who was drunk and speeding through Stone Park, Illinois, in her car. This case was reportedly thrown out of court and [redacted] has been heard to talk about arresting people inasmuch as he has been given certain authority which has probably gone to his head since he is an official of [redacted]

[redacted]

On June 13, 1962, CG T-16 advised that [redacted] who runs [redacted] owes the PRANNO brothers a lot of money. PRANNO usually sends his employees to [redacted] for medical attention and there is a possibility that [redacted] and PRANNO are associated in order to gain revenue from illegal activities which may result from person injury automobile accident cases.

On June 8, 1962, [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), reviewed the files of that agency and advised that one [redacted] also known as [redacted] INS file Number [redacted] date of birth [redacted] Italy, [redacted] entered the United States

on a Visitor's Visa April 29, 1955, at Miami, Florida. [redacted] is checking for additional information regarding [redacted]

[redacted] stated that her records reflect a return address of [redacted] Illinois.

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Date June 26, 1962

[redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] caused the files of [redacted] to be reviewed and ascertained that one [redacted] Illinois, has been licensed as a [redacted] in the State of Illinois since 1959. [redacted] stated that he could locate no record of [redacted] for this individual in [redacted] files.

[redacted] noted that [redacted] was born in Italy, in [redacted] According to the background information which is disseminated to [redacted] from various [redacted] is a graduate of [redacted] Italy, 1951. [redacted] stated that these credentials were not verified. [redacted] according to the files, interned at Queens General Hospital in Jamaica (Long Island, New York) from July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955.

[redacted] is in the [redacted]

[redacted] also furnished information that one [redacted] has [redacted] License Number [redacted] issued by the Department of [redacted], State of Illinois, and is one of the individuals on the staff of [redacted] Illinois.

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by SAs [redacted] and PETER A. BUTSOK:ijj Date dictated 6/21/62

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Automobile

On June 22, 1962, CG T-16 advised that PRANNO was observed driving a beat-up Plymouth, orange in color, bearing license number LT 2237, 1962 Illinois, which was formerly attached to his 1959 Oldsmobile. PRANNO was later observed driving a 1962 Oldsmobile 88, medium blue in color, bearing 1962 Illinois license LT 2237. This car was observed to have a gray interior. CG T-16 further advised that PRANNO reportedly bought this vehicle from [redacted] a Dodge dealer operating Marzano's Motors, Stone Park, Illinois. This car reportedly cost $4,000.00; however, it was sold to PRANNO for cost at $3,000.00. On July 2, 1962, PRANNO was observed by CG T-16 driving this car west on St. Charles Road and it appeared to have the dealer's price list still pasted on the rear window. b6 b7C

Information Regarding Fire at the Par-A-Dice Tavern, 1745 North Mannheim Road, Chicago, Illinois

On May 25, 1962, CG T-16 advised that the Par-A-Dice Tavern still is unoccupied and it appears that there was an explosion and fire which burned out the front part of the bar.

On June 1, 1962, an article in the "Chicago Tribune" contained the following information:

"Cafe Bomb Mystery Is Studied by State

"The state fire marshal's office sought yesterday to determine whether the bombing of the Martinique restaurant in Evergreen Park early Wednesday had any connection with 12 mysterious fires and bombings in restaurants in the Chicago area in the last year.

"WILLIAM J. COWHEY, state fire marshal, assigned several investigators to the Martinique case.

"Maybe A 'Message'

"About $10,000 damage was caused to the restaurant building at 2500 W. 94th pl. in the suburb and the bomb smashed windows of homes and stores in the neighborhood. [redacted] said the bomb was undoubtedly 'a message of some kind to me, but I don't know what it means.' b6 b7C

"COWHEY said his office has been investigating an unusual number of restaurant fires in this area. Some were set by gas and oil and some by fire bombs, he said.

"Some of the [redacted] investigators said, were 'uncooperative' and appeared reluctant to press an investigation. [redacted] however, has hired private investigators to work with police on the bombing of [redacted] and has asked federal agencies for help.

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"Eye on Syndicate

"Detectives of the Chicago police organized crime division entered the Martinique case and the restaurant fires to see if the crime syndicate is again attempting to muscle into the restaurant industry by using terror methods.

"In 1957 the Senate rackets committee investigated the Chicago restaurant industry after a number of restaurants were wrecked by fires and bombs, and restaurant owners complained they were being harassed by union officials.

[redacted] who was a [redacted] during the Senate hearings, said labor officials had not bothered him for more than 18 months.

"'If any of the 150 waitresses or cooks [redacted] want to join a union they are welcome to do so, but I will not violate federal laws by forcing anybody into a union who doesn't want to join, no matter what they do to me,' [redacted] said. 'I'm going to insist that they solve this bombing because I don't want to live under constant fear for the safety of my family.'

"Police recalled that last October a bomb severely damaged Tonner's Cafe Chablis, 6510 North av. [redacted] said he had problems about six months before when efforts were made to unionize [redacted] Police said that since the bombing, the employees of Mallick's restaurant have become union members.

"Bombs and Fires

"State investigators said that last month a tavern and restaurant at 3958 Ferdinand st., [redacted]

[redacted] was damaged by several fire bombs. On May 21 the Jack O'Lantern restaurant, 130th street and Cicero avenue, Crestwood, suffered $75,000 damage by a fire of undetermined cause. In 1960 the Jack O'Lantern had $30,000 damage in a fire. b6 b7C

"Some other fires labeled 'undetermined cause' by the state fire marshal are:

"Vernon Hills Country Club, near Mundelein, on April 21.
"Texas Tommy's, 1048 Ogden av., Downers Grove, March 17.
"Golden Steer, Niles, Jan. 26.
"Esquire Lounge, 1240 Grove st., Elgin, Oct. 16.
"Pikuls restaurant, 7779 Talcott st., Oct. 31.
"Cordial Inn, 7714 Touhy av., April 24, 1961.
"Little Jack's restaurant, Lockport, May 3, 1961.
"A restaurant at 1555 Mannheim rd., Stone Park, Feb. 2, 1961.

"These cases still are under investigation by the state fire marshal."

It is noted that one of the fires labeled as "undetermined cause" by the State Fire Marshal was a restaurant at 1555 Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois, February 2, 1961.

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Date 6/11/62

[redacted] Arson Investigator, Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office, advised that he would not have the complete facts available regarding the fire at 1555 Mannheim Road; however, he believes that this was a small fire reportedly started by accident. [redacted] stated he would attempt to obtain a complete report of the investigation conducted relative to this fire and furnish it to the FBI.

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[redacted] stated that in 1957 another Illinois State Fire Marshal was subpoenaed to testify before the Senate Rackets Committee which was investigating the Chicago restaurant industry after a number of restaurants were bombed and set fire to and that one [redacted] made a photostat of all these copies and furnished them to Chief Counsel ROBERT KENNEDY and his investigators for use during the hearings.

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Date June 8, 1962

[redacted] Deputy Fire Marshal, Department of Public Safety, Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office, 160 North La Salle Street, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] stated that his office has the responsibility to investigate fires in the Northern part of Illinois and specifically fires which are possibly started by arsonists. [redacted] said that he is part of the Arson Investigation Squad of the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office, and he has been an agent in this capacity for the last eighteen years.

[redacted] stated that he has investigated numerous fires in the Stone Park, Illinois, and Melrose Park, Illinois, area and he is familiar with the fire at the Par-A-Dice Club, located at 1745-1747 North Mannheim Road. He stated that this club is next door to the D'Ors Restaurant and Lounge located at 1741 North Mannheim Road, reportedly owned and managed by one ROCKY PRANNO. [redacted] said that he knows of PRANNO from publicity in newspapers which made allegations that he is backed by the Chicago "syndicate", specifically those individuals who have been mentioned as members of Chicago's organized crime. [redacted] said that PRANNO has [redacted] by the name of [redacted] who is a builder and who also resides in [redacted] Illinois. He said that PRANNO's name has come up in a few arson investigations that he has conducted and he remembers of a case in South Elgin, Illinois, where there was a bombing of a tavern reportedly over an argument as to who was to place coin-operated machines in that tavern, and that PRANNO's name was given as a suspect, in view of notorious publicity indicating that he "muscled" into the coin-machine business in Kane County, which was oporated by a fellow by the name of [redacted]

[redacted] stated he remembers that this fire or explosion was in one Jimmy Young's Tavern, South Elgin, and he remembers that [redacted] was against having a coin-machine promoted by PRANNO's organization in his tavern. [redacted] said that he learned

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after the explosion from an individual who he could not remember, that PRANNO had the "gaul" to drive by the tavern and park in front of it after the explosion, and made a sarcastic statement to the owner or another individual who was in the area, to the effect of "Gee, what happened here, did you have an explosion?"

[redacted] stated in regard to the fire or explosion at the Par-A-Dice Club, that it was reported on November 28, 1961, at 4:06 a.m. and he is currently preparing a report concerning his part of the investigation. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that there have been other fires in the Stone Park area classified as "undetermined cause" and he would endeavor to locate the reports concerning the arson investigation and furnish the full facts to the FBI.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 5, 1962

ELMER THIES Chief of Detectives, Elgin Police Department, Elgin, Illinois, furnished the following information:

THIES stated that he has not seen or heard of ROCCO PRANNO being in the Elgin, Illinois area for the past four years. He said that he remembers PRANNO being involved with the "muscling in" of [redacted] pinball machine business in the Kane County area. THIESS stated that PRANNO received notorious publicity regarding his tactics and taking over the pinball machine business, presumable for the "Chicago syndicate" from [redacted]

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THIES stated that the Aurora-Kane County Amusement Company, which was formerly operated by [redacted] is located just outside of the Elgin city limits. He said that he has not seen or heard of any activity about the Aurora-Kane County Amusement Company, inasmuch as pinball machines are outlawed in the Kane County area. He said that next door is the South End Tap, which is managed by [redacted] THIESS stated that ROCCO PRANNO, about four years ago was always seen in the area and that whenever PRANNO came to Eling to cash a check, he would set up the bar for free drinks. He said that PRANNO believed himself "quite a lady's man and heard of one incident where PRANNO took over another individual's girl friend. He said that he did not remember the individuals name but this person reportedly gave a lot of gifts to this girl and he was razzed about his complete devotion to the girl who was made out to be a prostitute by the others. He said that PRANNO got close to this girl and while at the South End Tap, took her into another room where this individual caught PRANNO and the girl in a compromising situation.

THIES stated that [redacted] left the Elgin area about two years ago and believes [redacted] is now residing at [redacted] Wisconsin. He said that [redacted] is believed to be operating a [redacted] store at [redacted] Wisconsin and that [redacted] left this area in order to preserve his health in view of the fact that pinball machines were outlawed and his business was declining

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On 5/28/62 at Elgin, Illinois File # CG 92-924

by SA PETROS A. KOTSOS/man Date dictated 5/29/62

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THIESS stated that [redacted] business was composed of pinball machines, bowling machines and horoscope machines and were primarily handled in the Kane County, Illinois area. He said that PRANNO's operation was the same after he took over [redacted] business.

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THIESS further added that in regard to the character of [redacted] pinball machine business it was his understanding that [redacted] restricted his business activities to the State of Illinois and specifically the Kane County area and he does not know of any possible interstate aspect in regard to this business.

THIESS further advised that relative to [redacted] he has no knowledge concerning the interstate character of that individual's business.

THIESS stated that both of the above individuals were involved when PRANNO "muscled" his way into [redacted] pinball machine business in 1956.

THIESS stated that [redacted] is so scared that he moved out of the area and out of the business. THIESS would characterize [redacted] as a weak character.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 6, 1962

Chief of Detectives, ELMER THIESS, Elgin Police Department, Elgin, Illinois, furnished the following information:

THIESS stated he has not heard of or seen ROCCO PIANO about the Elgin, Illinois, area.

THIESS said that the man current operating pinball machines or bowling machines in the Kane County area is one [redacted] THIESS said he operates the [redacted] Illinois. He has Telephone Number [redacted]

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THIESS stated he will keep alert concerning any activities which appear to be directed by ROCCO PIANO or other Chicago individuals connected with Chicago's organized crime.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **92-924**

Chicago, Illinois
July 19, 1962

Title **ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of SA PETROS A. KOTSOS, dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (92-574) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, Aka.
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Re Chicago airtel to Springfield 7/5/62.

[redacted] Century Surety Underwriters, Inc., 2649 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 7/18/62, advised SA GEORGE H. MENZEL that his company is the bond manager for the Wabash Fire and Casualty Company.

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[redacted] made available the bond "stub" executed by LARRY SPALLA on 3/3/62 for ROBERT PRANO. This stub also reveals that this bond was for $100, the offense "no D.L."(driver's license), "speeding", court-Maywood, date of appearance - 3/26/62.

He advised that no other bonds could be located as having been written for the subject. [redacted] stated, however, that if PRANNO was arrested recently it is possible that his office might not yet have received any record of it from Chicago.

In this regard [redacted] advised that LAWRENCE SPALLA is a sub-agent for [redacted] General Agent for Illinois, of the Wabash Fire and Casualty Company, located on California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that [redacted] would be cognizant of any recent bond which might have been written by SPALLA for PRANNO on any arrests since the

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one which was referred to above.

[redacted] advised that he is not personally acquainted with SPALLA and that his file reveals that this individual became employed by [redacted] in approximately January, 1962. He stated a credit report from the Retail Credit Company, dated 2/21/62, reveals the following information concerning SPALLA: b6 b7C

Name:	LAWRENCE SPALLA
Address:	6318 South Kostner Avenue
Employment:	Bondsman for 4 to 6 years
Age:	Approximately 54 years
Marital status:	Married
Wife:	[redacted] with six dependents

The report further states SPALLA had a good business reputation, was financially stable, living within his means. The report advised that no criticism of his health, habits, or reputation had been developed.

[redacted] advised that his file also revealed SPALLA apparently [redacted] who was also employed as a bondsman for [redacted] since January, 1962. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Illinois, and [redacted] was previously employed as a bondsman for Gilbert Cosentino Company, 1163 State Street, Chicago. [redacted] stated that inasmuch as LAWRENCE SPALLA was previously engaged in this capacity he may also have worked with [redacted] for this firm. He pointed out that the Gilbert Cosentino Company, wrote bonds which were previously underwritten by the Central Casualty Company, which he understands is now out of business.

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In this regard [redacted] advised that LAWRENCE SPALLA is a sub-agent for [redacted] General Agent for Illinois, of the Wabash Fire and Casualty Company, located on California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that [redacted] would be cognizant of any recent bond which might have been written by SPALLA for PRANNO on any arrests since the

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one which was referred to above.

[redacted] advised that he is not personally acquainted with SPALLA and that his file reveals that this individual became employed by [redacted] in approximately January, 1962. He stated a credit report from the Retail Credit Company, dated 2/21/62, reveals the following information concerning SPALLA:

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Name:	LAWRENCE SPALLA
Address:	6318 South Kostner Avenue
Employment:	Bondsman for 4 to 6 years
Age:	Approximately 54 years
Marital status:	Married
Wife:	[redacted] with six dependents

The report further stated SPALLA had a good business reputation, was financially stable, living within his means. The report advised that no criticism of his health, habits, or reputation had been developed.

[redacted] advised that his file also revealed SPALLA apparently had [redacted] who was also employed as a bondsman for [redacted] since January, 1962. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Illinois, and [redacted] was previously employed as a bondsman for Gilbert Cosentino Company, 1163 State Street, Chicago. [redacted] stated that inasmuch as LAWRENCE SPALLA was previously engaged in this capacity he may also have worked with [redacted] for this firm. He pointed out that the Gilbert Cosentino Company, wrote bonds which were previously underwritten by the Central Casualty Company, which he understands is now out of business.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (92-924)

FROM: SAC, WFO (92-720) (P)

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka
AR
(OO:CG)

ReCGairtel 7/6/62.

McClellan Committee today made material available re photostat of exhibit #54 relating to partnership agreement between [redacted] and PRANNO.

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Records do not reflect any photostats from State Fire Marshal [redacted] in committee files.

Available data to be forwarded.

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Date: 7/27/62

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (92-924)

FROM: SAC, WFO (92-726) (P)

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka
AR
(OO:CG)

ReCGairtel 7/6/62.

McClellan Committee today made material available re photostat of exhibit #54 relating to partnership agreement between [redacted] and PRANNO.

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Records do not reflect any photostats from State Fire Marshal [redacted] in committee files.

Available data to be forwarded.

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

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Information concerning:

ROCCO PRANNO
AR

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

92-924

Information furnished was obtained:

☒ during course of Bureau investigation

☐ from informants

☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to: Chief of Detectives, Elmer Thiesi, Elgin Police Dept, Elgin.

Remarks:

a photo of Prenno. and info re Prenno's car

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

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Information concerning:

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
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Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

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Information furnished to:

[redacted]

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Clerk Village of Maywood, Ill.
Remarks: & Maywood Police

Information re PRANNO's automobile & fact his driver license revoked. She will check Sec of State and attempt to obtain warrant.

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Special Agent

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 5/22/62 (date) By Telephone _____ (date) Written Communication _____ (date)

Information concerning:

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
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Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

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☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

INTERNAL REVENUE AGENT [redacted]
- AUSA [redacted]

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Remarks:

GENERAL BACKGROUND information regarding Pranno, his business, associates, activities.

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Petros A. Kotos
Special Agent

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 2, 1962

On March 22, 1962, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D checked her records and advised Investigative Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL that [redacted] Illinois.

On 3/22/62 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-924-95

by SA PETROS A. KOTSOS/blg;bll Date dictated 3/27/62

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FD-302 (Rev. 3-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 5, 1962

ELMER THIES Chief of Detectives, Elgin Police Department, Elgin, Illinois, furnished the following information:

THIES stated that he has not seen or heard of ROCCO PRANNO being in the Elgin, Illinois area for the past four years. He said that he remembers PRANNO being involved with the "muscling in" of [redacted] pinball machine business in the Kane County area. THIESS stated that PRANNO received notorious publicity regarding his tactics and taking over the pinball machine business, presumable for the "Chicago syndicate" from [redacted] b6 b7C

THIES stated that the Aurora-Kane County Amusement Company, which was formerly operated by [redacted] is located just outside of the Elgin city limits. He said that he has not seen or heard of any activity about the Aurora-Kane County Amusement Company, inasmuch as pinball machines are outlawed in the Kane County area. He said that next door is the South End Tap, which is managed by [redacted] THIESS stated that ROCCO PRANNO, about four years ago was always seen in the area and that whenever PRANNO came to Eling to cash a check, he would set up the bar for free drinks. He said that PRANNO believed himself "quite a lady's man and heard of one incident where PRANNO took over another individual's girl friend. He said that he did not remember the individuals name but this person reportedly gave a lot of gifts to this girl and he was razzed about his complete devotion to the girl who was made out to be a prostitute by the others. He said that PRANNO got close to this girl and while at the South End Tap, took her into another room where this individual caught PRANNO and the girl in a compromising situation.

THIES stated that [redacted] left the Elgin area about two years ago and believes [redacted] is now residing at [redacted] Wisconsin. He said that [redacted] is believed to be operating a [redacted] store at [redacted] Wisconsin and that [redacted] left this area in order to preserve his health in view of the fact that pinball machines were outlawed and his business was declining

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On 5/28/62 at Elgin, Illinois File # CG 92-924 - 96

by SA PETROS A. KOTSOS/man Date dictated 5/29/62

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THIESS stated that [redacted] business was composed of pinball machines, bowling machines and horoscope machines and were primarily handled in the Kane County, Illinois area. He said that PRANNO's operation was the same after he took over [redacted] business.

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THIESS further added that in regard to the character of [redacted] pinball machine business it was his understanding that [redacted] restricted his business activities to the State of Illinois and specifically the Kane County area and he does not know of any possible interstate aspect in regard to this business.

THIESS further advised that relative to [redacted] he has no knowledge concerning the interstate character of that individual's business.

THIESS stated that both of the above individuals were involved when PRANNO "muscled" his way into [redacted] pinball machine business in 1956.

THIESS stated that [redacted] is so scared that he moved out of the area and out of the business. THIESS would characterize [redacted] as a weak character.

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally _____ (date) By Telephone 6/29/62 (date) Written Communication _____ (date)

Information concerning:

Rocco Bramo

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

92-924

Information furnished was obtained:

☒ during course of Bureau investigation

☒ from informants

☐ from complainants or other sources.

Information furnished to: [redacted] Clerk of Court, Village of Maywood, Illinois

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Remarks:

Described Bramo again upon her request - furnished info re his markers, and general location during the day -

[redacted] needs for purpose of warrant to be issued re driving on revoked licence.

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Special Agent

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Orally 6/6/62 (date) By Telephone _____ (date) Written Communication _____ (date)

Information concerning:

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
AR

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

92-924

Information furnished was obtained:

☑ during course of Bureau investigation

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Information furnished to: [redacted] Deputy

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FIRE MARSHALL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ARSON SQUAD, STATE OF ILLINOIS
160 N LASALLE ST

Remarks:

Information re fire at 1745 N Mannheim at PAR-A-DICE Lounge next to PRANNO'S PLACE, the D'ORS LOUNGE 1741 N. MANNHEIM.
DISCUSSION of Modus operandi of various other fires PRANNO may be tied up with.
in Stone Park

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Peter A Peters
Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 6, 1962

Chief of Detectives, ELMER THIESS, Elgin Police Department, Elgin, Illinois, furnished the following information:

THIESS stated he has not heard of or seen ROCCO PRANNO about the Elgin, Illinois, area.

THIESS said that the man current operating pinball machines or bowling machines in the Kane County area is one [redacted]. THIESS said he operates the [redacted] Illinois. He has Telephone Number [redacted] b6 b7C

THIESS stated he will keep alert concerning any activities which appear to be directed by ROCCO PRANNO or other Chicago individuals connected with Chicago's organized crime.

On 5/28/62 at Elgin, Illinois File # CG 92-924 99-74

by SA PETROS A. KOTSOS/jjm Date dictated 6/1/62

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **7/3/62**

FROM : SA **PETROS A. KOTSOS**

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact **6/22/62**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	**92-924**

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

See attached.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating **Excellent**

Coverage **Excellent** 92-924-100

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On June 22, 1962, PCI [redacted] advised that ROCCO PRANNO is now driving an orange and red Plymouth with a white top, bearing 1962 Illinois License Number LT2237. [redacted] said this apparently is PRANNO's license number from his previous vehicle which was a 1959 Holiday Oldsmobile sedan, orchid colored. [redacted] stated he heard a few weeks ago that PRANNO was going to change his car and that he has apparently consummated the deal. [redacted] feels maybe PRANNO is to "hot" in the 1959 Oldsmobile since he was picked up for a traffic violation in Maywood in February and still has to face that traffic charge.

[redacted] further added that he heard from LARRY SPALLA, PRANNO's bondsman, that PRANNO had been booked by the Maywood Police Department on June 27, 1962, reportedly on a charge of driving on a revoked license. [redacted] stated he feels that this charge is probably the result of the FBI checking with the Maywood Police and advising the Village Clerk of Maywood, [redacted] concerning the fact that PRANNO is driving with a revoked license. [redacted] stated that PRANNO is believed to be on a $500 bond, which was posted by LARRY SPALLA. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] PRANNO's [redacted] made a "citizens arrest" about three weeks ago of a woman who was drunk and speeding through Maywood in her car. [redacted] said that Judge LESTER COOK, the Magistrate for Stone Park, who [redacted] threw the case out of court, and now [redacted] is possibly subject to a civil suit by the woman. [redacted] said [redacted] apparently feels he is immune from criticism and probably has a superior attitude concerning his approach to Stone Park citizens because he is now the [redacted] said this apparently has gone to [redacted] head and inasmuch as he is PRANNO's [redacted], he feels that he could do anything including arresting people.

[redacted] said PRANNO continues to have the Stone Park Police Department "under his thumb", and a squad car from the North Lake, Police Department was observed in the rear of the D'Ors Lounge last week, which may indicate a connection by PRANNO with that law enforcement agency.

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[redacted] stated that the girl who works in the Stone Park Police Department has a boy friend who is reportedly $4,000 in debt to a "bookie" working out of Elmwood Park, Illinois. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated he would attempt to ascertain the identity of this "bookie" and other information relative to gambling and any violations of the new Federal interstate gambling laws.

Relative to [redacted] he stated that this man's salary is $2,400 a year; however, he makes at least $5,000 to $10,000 [redacted] reportedly is an expert in [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated it was learned that the Stone Park Police Department has been instructed to issue more traffic summons and to stop suspicious cars in the neighborhood of North Avenue and Mannheim or in the general area in order to identify these individuals who may be possibly law enforcement agents. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated he noted a burglar alarm on the side of the D'Ors Lounge on the north wall facing North Avenue.

[redacted] said [redacted] "a really rotten guy" is reportedly back on the Stone Park Police Department payroll as a part time police officer. The word has it that [redacted] is now ROCCO PRANNO's [redacted]

[redacted] stated that it was learned PRANNO borrowed some flares from the Stone Park Police Department to place in front of the D'Ors Lounge in order to attract customers. He said PRANNO has been in really good spirit recently because D'Ors is apparently doing some good business. b6 b7C b7D

7/5/62

AIRTEL

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-375)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-924) (P)

SUBJECT: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka
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(OO: CHICAGO)

[redacted] records reflect the following information regarding [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted]

On July 2, 1962, PCI [redacted] advised that PRANNO, who has been in the market for a new car during the past few months, was observed last week driving an old model Plymouth, white over orange in color, bearing License Number LT 2237. [redacted] noted that this license number was previously attached to PRANNO's 1950 Oldsmobile.

On this date [redacted] stated JAMES PRANNO now has a 1962 Oldsmobile, Super 88 (?), tudor, hardtop, medium blue solid colored, bearing License Number LT 2237. [redacted] stated PRANNO was observed driving this vehicle on St. Charles Road off Mannheim Road, at approximately 3:00 PM, July 1, 1962.

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It is noted that a review of 1962 Illinois License Number LT 2237 by Springfield indicates this number is registered to ROBERT C. PRANNO, 1029 St. Charles Road, Elgin, Illinois, for a 1959 Oldsmobile.

[redacted] further advised that he heard, based on information furnished to the Maywood Police Department by the FBI, that PRANNO has been booked by the Maywood Police Department on a charge of driving on a revoked driver's license in connection with two traffic summonses he received in February, 1962. [redacted] heard that PRANNO was released on $500 bond placed by one LAWRENCE SPALLA, a certified bondsman. b6 b7C b7D

SPALLA reportedly is an agent for the Wabash Fire and Casualty Company, Bail Bond Office, 2649 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Spot surveillances conducted in the vicinity of the D'Ors Lounge, 1741 North Mannheim Road, observed the following license numbers parked at the rear of D'Ors parking lot:

[redacted] (Cadillac) b6 b7C

All of the above were 1962 Illinois license plates.

It was also noted that a Chevrolet bearing 1962 Illinois Plate [redacted] and a Chevrolet Impala bearing 1962 Illinois Plate [redacted] were also parked in front of D'Or's Lounge. Alongside of these vehicles was a Valiant bearing 1962 Disabled Veteran Plate Number [redacted]

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CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. Obtain complete background information regarding LAWRENCE SPALLA, a certified bondsman, who is an agent for the Wabash Fire and Casualty Company,

Bail Bond Office, 2649 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. Ascertain length of time with the company, on available background information. Also review the bond schedule posted by SPALLA in favor of captioned subject, possibly under the name of ROBERT C. PRANNO and attempt to determine all bonds posted for PRANNO by SPALLA. It is noted that PCI [redacted] advised that PRANNO was arrested by a West Suburban Village in Illinois for a traffic violation and subsequently was charged with disorderly conduct inasmuch as PRANNO "had a fight with the arresting officers". Check of logical suburban towns failed to disclose any record of such an arrest. PCI [redacted] furnished the original information regarding PRANNO's arrest by the Maywood Police Department in February, 1962, which proved to be correct and subsequently developed the information regarding PRANNO's arrest for disorderly conduct and a bond was posted by LAWRENCE SPALLA. Cincinnati attempt to locate this record. b6 b7C b7D

LAS VEGAS

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. Identify the subscriber to telephone number [redacted] check indices, conduct logical background investigation and ascertain through individuals the general reputation in the area so that a proper determination can be made as to the significance of [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. 1. Determine automobile registrations to the above listed license numbers developed from spot fisurs; ascertain driver's license information for identification of these individuals.

2. Through the Driver's License Division, and Automobile Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, determine if any additional information is available regarding the fact that PRANNO was reportedly booked for driving on a revoked driver's license.

3. Obtain current information regarding the transfer of PRANNO's license number from his 1959 Oldsmobile to the 1962 Oldsmobile described above by PCI [redacted] and furnish complete information regarding the transfer of the license to this vehicle and a description of the new vehicle, if available. It is noted that inasmuch as the PCI [redacted] has recently observed the license transfer, that it is possible that PRANNO has traded in his 1959 Oldsmobile for a new car and the papers are probably on the way to being processed. Springfield follow this closely until this has been resolved through surveillances and contacts with informants. b6 b7C b7D

GALE

7/6/62

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, WFO (92-726)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-924)

SUBJECT: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka
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OO: CHICAGO

Re WFO airtel dated 4/10/62.

Referenced airtel set forth review of the records relative to the Mc Clellan Committee concerning the testimony of ROCCO PRANNO and testimony of other individuals concerning PRANNO.

Review of this material and other information available to the Chicago Office reflects that there is a possibility of violation of Title 18, USC, 1951. Attempts are now currently being made to determine whether the business operations of [redacted] had contained any facet of interstate character. b6 b7C

Reference page 17212 of the committee testimony makes reference to a partnership agreement between [redacted] and PRANNO, which was placed in the committee record as exhibit number 54.

Reference is also made to contacts with the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office concerning results of their investigation in 1958, when PRANNO was reported to have "muscled" his way into the pinball machine businesses around Elgin, Illinois and other parts of Kane County.

According to State Fire Marshal [redacted] he was subpoenaed to testify concerning numerous cases of possible arson in the Elgin area. [redacted] stated he had photostated all reports that were available and presented them to the committee for their examination.

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Inasmuch as Chicago currently attempting to resolve whether [redacted] had business interests which involved an interstate commerce, WFO will conduct the following investigation: b6 b7C

Review the records of the Mc Clellan Committee and obtain a photostat of exhibit number 54, which is reported partnership agreement between [redacted] and PRANNO. (Reference is made to page 17212 of the testimony).

Will attempt to locate photostats of the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office investigations conducted in Elgin, Illinois and Kane County with reference to possible implication of ROCCO PRANNO or any of his associates being suspects in these matters. It is noted that State Fire Marshal [redacted] stated he correlated all pertinent information from his files and presented it in photostat form to the committee.

GALE

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: **July 6, 1962**

FROM : SA **PETROS A. KOTSOS**

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☑ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact **6/25/62 and 6/28/62**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	**92-924**
SAM BATTAGLIA	**92-914**

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☑ Positive

See attachments.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

[redacted] **can be contacted telephonically through** [redacted]

Rating **Very good**

Coverage **Same**

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On June 25, 1962, PCI [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said he had breakfast with ROCCO PRANNO at 7:00 A.M. on June 22, 1962. [redacted] noticed that PRANNO is not driving his Oldsmobile, however the 1962 Illinois License LT2237, which he had previously placed on the Oldsmobile is now on a Plymouth 4 door sedan, orange and red with a white top.

[redacted] feels that since the "heat" has been put on PRANNO relative to his arrest for traffic violations in Maywood, PRANNO may be changing automobiles. [redacted] said he heard a "rumble" that PRANNO was going to buy a car a couple of weeks ago, and was very surprised to see that PRANNO was driving this old model Plymouth. [redacted] could not estimate the year of the car. [redacted] stated he has observed PRANNO walking back and forth from the D'Ors Lounge, 1741 North Manheim to the El Dorado Motel which is reportedly owned by his [redacted] He said that HERSCHEL, a Negro male who is reportedly the doorman at the D'Ors Lounge, drives a 1955 green and white top Mercury 4 door sedan, the right rear fender being smashed. HERSCHEL has been observed going back and forth between D'Ors and the Americana Motel and there is a possibility that HERSCHEL is "running" girls for PRANNO. [redacted] said last year the States Attorney's Office made a big raid in Elmwood Park on the "junk yard" where they picked up a couple of prostitutes who had been working the Elmwood Park and Melrose Park area. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] states that [redacted] continues to operate the [redacted] a merchandising store located in [redacted] along [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] b7D

[redacted] stated that PRANNO does not park his car directly in front of the D'Ors Lounge anymore and that he parks it on the parking lot at the rear alongside of the wall adjacent to the El Dorado Motel. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated concerning bookmaking and gambling activities in the Stone Park area, he is currently checking to ascertain if the Amber Lounge is a center of gambling. He definitely stated that Angelo's Tavern is again operating gambling. This place was raided last winter by the States Attorney's Office and their gambling operation is somewhat limited now to card and crap games at the rear.

[redacted] stated he heard that PRANNO has given instructions to the Stone Park police officers "under his wing" that they are not to rush to acknowledge calls in the area of Stone Park and Melrose Park. He said they were told to "take their time". [redacted] said that there was a fight at the DANZO House, Melrose Park and the Stone Park Police were commended for taking their time in arriving at the scene enabling the owners to straighten out the situation on their own. [redacted] said that this was a knife fight. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] states that SAM BATTAGLIA contols gambling in Melrose Park and that he believes there is a "book" operating at 23rd and Lake, Melrose Park. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that previously he furnished information that PRANNO was arrested by a suburban police department on a traffic charge and immediately got into a fight with the police officers and thereafter LARRY SPALLA, PRANNO's bondsman, arrived at the scene to release him. [redacted] stated that this should be checked out through the Elmhurst Police Department.

[redacted] b7D

It was noted that checks with the Oak Park, and River Forest Police Departments failed to disclose any information regarding this arrest.

On June 28, 1962, [redacted] stated that the "bookie" working out of Elmwood Park is [redacted] a white male who formerly operated out of the Flicker Light Tavern and now may be operating about the Amber Lounge. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that a young female secretary at [redacted] confided to him that her [redacted] one [redacted] a white male is in debt with bookmakers in the Elmwood Park area to the tune of $4,000.00. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that he heard a "rumble" that a Lieutenant on the Elmwood Park Police Department is a collector for the "outfit". He said that he heard this man was Lieutenant [redacted] and that the Bureau should watch out for him.

[redacted] stated he has again observed PRANNO's car, a Plymouth, parked on the side of D'Ors Lounge. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that he heard PRANNO was booked based on the information the Bureau furnished to the Maywood Police Department concerning the fact that he was driving on a revoked driver's license. [redacted] previously furnished this information and indicated it was obtained from LARRY SPALLA.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] DATE: **7/11/62** b7D

FROM : SA **PETROS A. KOTSOS**

[ ] CI [ ] SI
[X] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact
7/5/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	**92-924**

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

See attached.

[X] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating: **Excellent**

Coverage: **Excellent**

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On July 5, 1962, PCI [redacted] advised that he saw ROCCO PRANNO last night at 1:30 AM driving his new car which is further described as 1962 Oldsmobile, medium blue in color, with a gray interior. [redacted] observed the car had a 1962 Illinois License Number LT 2237 which is the number he had attached to his previous car which was a 1959 Oldsmobile, orchid in color. [redacted] indicated that he learned from [redacted] that PRANNO purchased this car from [redacted] who runs the Dodge Dealers in Stone Park called [redacted] (PH). [redacted] said that PRANNO bought the car at cost from [redacted] who acquired it from another dealer. [redacted] said that PRANNO reportedly paid $3,000.00 for this car which is listed as $4,000.00. [redacted] said that PRANNO's car still has the price list form pasted to the rear side window. [redacted] said he believes it is an 88 Oldsmobile, two door hard top.

[redacted] said that he saw ROCCO PRANNO turn west on St. Charles Road which is the way to Elgin, Illinois on Thursday afternoon. [redacted] said ROCCO was observed with a blond female who is possible [redacted] the girl that works at D'ors Lounge, 1741 South Mannheim. [redacted] said the blond and PRANNO appeared to be arguing in a friendly fashion. [redacted] said that PRANNO had a conversation with [redacted] who is on the night shift of the Stone Park Police Department concerning the purchase of a radio and PRANNO appeared to be very discreet about inquiring about this with [redacted] PCI [redacted] believes could possibly be regarding purchase of a police radio. He said that PRANNO asked [redacted] "did you get that radio for me. I definitely want an answer on this" and then PRANNO proceeded to make a telephone call.

[redacted] stated that ANGELO's Tavern in Stone Park has a 4:00 AM closing license, however, the other night he drove by there and the place was open until 5:00 AM. [redacted] said [redacted] PRANNO's [redacted] is not [redacted] however in on the [redacted] and has a great deal of influence with the [redacted] He said that [redacted] was heard to say to [redacted] after [redacted] inquired how things were going that they took in about $1,000.00. [redacted] said he doesn't believe there is any gambling going on in Angelo's inasmuch as the States Attorney's Office raided this place about six months ago.

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[redacted] said that PRANNO walked into D'ors Lounge on Thursday at 4:45 AM and seemed quite disturbed. PRANNO went directly to the telephone and was observed to dial number which sounded like [redacted] (?). PRANNO asked for [redacted] and said to the receiver of the call "get [redacted] off the dance floor". PRANNO then told the person he was talking to over the phone "I'll take care of that bitch later". [redacted] surmised from this that [redacted] apparently was with a girl that PRANNO was interested in and PRANNO apparently wanted to "clobber" this girl for something she didn't do for him. [redacted] stated that PRANNO has complete control over who is assigned to Stone Park Police Department for the 12:00 to 8:00 shift inasmuch as these men can allow the taverns to stay open late and PRANNO is kept completely advised as to any problems that arises during the night. [redacted] said that PRANNO is observed to come into the Stone Park Police Department and utilize their telephone at will. [redacted] said that Chief of Police SIGNORELLA advised the Stone Park Police that there are two State Attorney's Investigators floating around the neighborhood and if they are seen they were to be kicked out and the chief advised immediately.

[redacted] said that he overheard conversations between Chief SIGNORELLA and other members of the Stone Park Police that ROCCO PRANNO has been given the code name of "Judge HOLIDAY" and if there is any trouble PRANNO has to be told of them. The patrolmen are requested to not mention PRANNO's name over the radio but instead refer to him as "Judge HOLIDAY". [redacted] stated that PRANNO continues to reside at 1608 North 39th Avenue, Stone Park and that the "For Rent Sign" which was observed on the second floor of PRANNO's apartment building has been taken away. [redacted] will attempt to ascertain who rented this apartment.

[redacted] stated concerning the Stone Park Police that along about 4:00 AM the squad cars drive over to Sacred Heart Seminary, right behind ROCCO PRANNO's place, and sleep there, thus leaving Stone Park without any law enforcement officers during the latter part of the morning.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] drives 1959 Impala two door white hard top Chevrolet. [redacted] has been seen to go into a place called Maggio's or the Pink Clock in Forest Park, Illinois. [redacted] car can be observed parked in the parking lot for the D'ors Lounge or parked behind the Stone Park Police Department. [redacted] is possibly PRANNO's [redacted].

[redacted] stated that PRANNO received another continuance on the traffic charge pending Maywood, Illinois. He doesn't know PRANNO's attorney, however, he believes [redacted] attempts to use his influence with Maywood in order to squash the charges against PRANNO. [redacted] stated that LARRY SPOLLA, PRANNO's bondsman, is completely dominated by PRANNO in that PRANNO can call him any time to post bond for any of his employees who get in trouble with local police. [redacted] still believes that PRANNO was booked by the Maywood Police Department on a charge of driving on a revoked driver's license.

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536 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois
July 13, 1962

Daniel J. Ward
States Attorney
2600 South California Boulevard
Chicago 32, Illinois

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Re: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, also known as Robert C. Prano, James Martel

Dear [redacted]

The following is information relative to the above captioned subject who has been arrested by your office in the past:

During February, 1962, this office received information that one Robert C. Prano was arrested by the Maywood Police Department and charged with two traffic violations, one for speeding over prescribed limits and the other for failure to have a driver's license in his possession.

A photograph of Rocco Pranno taken by the States Attorney's Office in June, 1961, was exhibited to Maywood police officers who identified the individual they arrested as Robert C. Prano as one and the same.

It was noted that Pranno advised these officers that he resides at 1029 St. Charles Road, Elgin, Illinois.

A review of the Secretary of State's records concerning drivers licenses determined that Pranno had been denied reinstatement of his driver's license as of February 15, 1962, on the basis of his entire driving record which consists of nine convictions for speeding and involved one accident since his driver's license was revoked on April 15, 1957. It was noted that the above captioned subject holds no valid driver's license at the present time.

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Re: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Auto registration records reflect that a 1962 Illinois license LT 2237 was issued to Robert C. Prano, 1029 St. Charles Road, Elgin, Illinois, on February 16, 1962, for a 1959 Oldsmobile.

The above information regarding the revocation of Pranno's license was furnished to [redacted], Clerk, Village of Maywood, who advised that she is preparing necessary papers in order to charge Pranno for driving on a revoked license. b6 b7C

Numerous checks with the Village Clerk's Office, Maywood, Illinois, have disclosed Pranno has received continuances on his traffic charges; however, he has recently been surrendered by his attorney relative to charges brought by the Village of Maywood under Section 6-303, Illinois Motor Vehicles Act.

The above information is furnished for any action you deem advisable.

Very truly yours,

JAMES H. GALE
Special Agent in Charge

DCB 1035

DANIEL P. WARD
STATE'S ATTORNEY
OF
COOK COUNTY, ILL.

CRIMINAL BRANCH
2600 SOUTH CALIFORNIA AVE.
CHICAGO 8, ILLINOIS
PHONE BISHOP 7-6600

July 18, 1962

Mr. James H. Gale
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
536 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

Re: Rocco Salvatore Pranno

Dear Mr. Gale:

Your letter of July 13 concerning the above-named individual is gratefully acknowledged.

The assistant State's Attorney in charge of the suburban area has been alerted to this case.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL P. WARD
State's Attorney

By: [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]
First Assistant State's Attorney

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Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] DATE: **7/31/62** b7D

FROM : SA [redacted] ☐ CI ☐ SI b6 b7C

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact **7/11,12,17,19,20,25/62**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	**92-924**
CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN CHICAGO MOVING	**92-907**
PICTURE OPERATORS UNION, LOCAL 110,	
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
[redacted]	[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☒ Positive

See attachment.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating **Very Good**

Coverage **Same**

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On 7/11/62 [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] age [redacted] has been working at D'Ors for several months but his identity was unknown until last night. A warrant for his arrest was issued yesterday on the complaint of [redacted] charging [redacted] with rape. [redacted] came into the Stone Park Police Department last night and Chief SIGNARELLO gave him a copy of the warrant. Bond was set at $5000.00 by Judge LESTER COOK. LARRY SPALLA, bondsman for ROCCO PRANNO, happened to call at that time regarding another case and SIGNARELLO told him to come to the Police Department. [redacted] then said he was working at D'Ors as [redacted] and that PRANNO and [redacted] were away. [redacted] left without posting bond and then returned at 3:30 a.m. By that time SPALLA had arrived. SPALLA did not want to take [redacted] bond alone lest he jump bond. b6 b7C

SPALLA made the remark that he does not think PRANNO owns D'Ors but just runs it for the "outfit". [redacted] heard that SPALLA used to sell fruit and vegetables to night clubs during the era of AL CAPONE and MORAN. [redacted] ~~(Stone Park Police Department) and~~ b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] heard that [redacted] used to run the [redacted] As of 8:00 a.m. this day [redacted] was still free without having posted bond. [redacted] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, wavy in front
Age	Late [redacted] b6
Complexion	Dark b7C
Characteristics	Well dressed, glassy eyed, drives black 1949 - 1950 Oldsmobile four-dorr sedan

[redacted] b7D

[redacted] said he would set up a bunch of guys who would say they also had had [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] reportedly made her complaint to the State's Attorney's Office and was told to come to the Stone Park officials and told to be sure the matter was handled. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] lives at [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] reportedly was [redacted] at the time of [redacted] on [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] once made the remark that there was nothing to worry about so far as the Chicago Police assigned to the State's Attorney's Police and carrying county sheriff's badges were concerned. b6 b7C

On 7/12/62 [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] was locked up by the Stone Park Police Department some time that day but was released on bond at 6:30 p.m. His bondsman was [redacted] whose [redacted] is a General in the Army associated with the atom bomb projects. [redacted] is close to Judge LESTER COOK and also works in Oak Park. b7D b6 b7C

On 7/17/62 [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

From talking to [redacted] he is of the opinion disposition of PRANNO's case involving driving with a revoked license in Maywood is somehow being stalled and some effort is being made to set up something in Springfield to show he has a license. b6 b7C

[redacted] Through a misunderstanding on his part as to his work schedule, [redacted] failed to report to work at [redacted] However, [redacted] went to ROCCO PRANNO and interceded for him and [redacted] was [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] b7D

He does not believe there are any bookies in Stone Park but believe they are operating through Melrose Park.

[redacted] has been observed doing a lot of running between the Manor Lounge (east of Mannheim Road on Lake) and D'Ors. He carries male passengers from the Manor to D'Ors and back late at night. b6 b7C

On 7/19/62 [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

While in D'Ors Lounge recently, during the day, he observed PRANNO talking to individuals from the Tasty Freeze Company, Mid-Continent Maintenance and Merganos Motors. He does not know the nature of the discussions but observed PRANNO had a metal cash box near him and the other individuals had what appeared (at a distance) to be accounting type papers. [redacted] speculates this may indicate some connection by PRANNO or other hoodlums with legitimate businesses. [redacted] observed that Tasty Freeze is an ice cream truck vending operation with no apparent reason to be transacting business with D'Ors. He recalls that PRANNO purchased his Oldsmobile through Mergano but this meeting did not seem to be related to this purchase. He does not recall that D'Ors subscribes to the Mid-Continent Maintenance Service.

While in D'Ors on this occasion, he overheard an unidentified individual talking on the telephone to another unidentified party and this individual in D'Ors said he could be contacted at FIllmore 3-9514. This individual was then heard to remark to the bartender in D'Ors that he could get him a good price on Kool cigarettes. Telephone 2080 service lists this phone to the Lido Pharmacy, 518 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

On 7/20/62 [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

ROCCO PRANNO's old car is now on Mergano's used car lot.

The individual who spoke to the bartender in D'Ors regarding Kool cigarettes has been observed in D'Ors frequently.

[redacted] b7D

He is described as white, male, late [redacted], 5' 10", 175 pounds, dark complexion, bald in middle of head. b6 b7C

[redacted] recalls that he once heard that the head of the Proviso Township Memorial Park District is connected with some janitorial service. [redacted] of the Stone Park Police Department is also a Sergeant with the Memorial Park Police. b6 b7C b7D

On 7/25/62 [redacted] furnished the following information:

At approximately 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. this morning [redacted] The driver was told he would have to come to the station to take care of the matter whereupon the driver of the car asked if [redacted] did not know who he was. [redacted] replied in the negative and the driver then said he was the Chief of Aurora. [redacted] thinking he meant he was a police officer asked for his credentials. The driver then said he meant he worked with "ROCKY". [redacted] asked who "ROCKY" was and the driver replied "ROCKY" PRANNO. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] saw the driver's name on his driver's license but cannot presently recall what it was, but thinks it was an Italian name. He described this individual as being white, male, 6' 1", 275 - 300 pounds, dark complexion, driving a black Crown Imperial, Illinois License [redacted] recalls having seen this car at D'Ors Lounge in Stone Park on several occasions previously. b6 b7C b7D

At the time this individual was stopped he was heading for the Black Door located either in Elmwood Park or Franklin Park.

[redacted] later told PRANNO of this incident and PRANNO told him not to worry about it that it was okay. PRANNO asked if this individual had given [redacted] any money. [redacted] said yes, $5.00. PRANNO then remarked that it should have been more. [redacted] explained that he had not wanted to take any money from PRANNO's friends. PRANNO then remarked that his friends pay if they get arrested. [redacted] is of the opinion PRANNO was unhappy that the incident occurred. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] recalls the address on this individual's driver's license was a Chicago address.

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(Illinois License [redacted] is listed to [redacted] b6 b7C
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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (92-924)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-375) (P)

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO,Aka
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OO: Chicago

Reurairtel to Springfield 7/5/62

The following investigation was conducted by IC JOSEPH D. HAMMITT:

The following motor vehicle and drivers license information was furnished on 8/7/62 by [redacted] Supervisor, Drivers License Section, and [redacted] Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois: b6 b7C

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Enclosed for the Chicago Division are 1 Photostat each of the following described letters:

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Letter dated 5/16/62 to [redacted] Clerk, Village Court of Maywood, from [redacted] Chief Clerk,

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Drivers License Division, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.

The above letters set out information requested in reairtel.

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Drivers License Division, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.

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May 16, 1962

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Clerk of Village Court of Maywood
125 South Fifth Avenue
Maywood, Illinois

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Re: Robert C. Prano
File No: P650-7631-8359
In reply, refer to this number

Dear [redacted]

Pursuant to your letter dated May 14, the file of the above subject has been reviewed and the following information is furnished.

February 16, 1955, Mr. Prano made application and was issued on February 25, 1955, operator's license number A2-519-838, to expire on March 1, 1958.

April 15, 1957, an Order of Revocation was entered against his driver's license, number A2-519-838, and his driving privileges, under Section 34(a)2, of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Law.

On April 18, 1958, he made application for renewal of his operator's license and was issued on April 23, 1958, operator's license number P650-7631-8359, to expire on December 18, 1961.

When it was determined that his license had been revoked on April 15, 1957, an Order of Cancellation was then entered against license number P650-7631-8359, on May 9, 1958. He, also, falsified this application by answering "No" to the question relating to his license having ever been suspended, cancelled, or revoked. His file does not show that he ever surrendered this license as required by the Notice of Cancellation.

On January 3, 1962, he made application for renewal of his operator's license, but this license was not issued because it was determined that his privilege to obtain a license and operate a motor vehicle was revoked and remains in full force and effect.

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He, also, falsified this application by answering "No" to the question relating to his license ever having been suspended, cancelled or revoked. On this application, of which we are enclosing a photostatic copy, he gave his address to be 1166 North Beverly, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

His license number and/or file number P650-7631-8359, is computed from his complete name, date of birth and sex. This procedure is used for everyone who is issued a license.

On all the applications we have received he has given his birthdate to be December 18, 1918. In your letter of May 14, you say he gave his birthdate to be December 18, 1919, and we have been unable to locate anything issued to him under that birthdate. You, also, gave a license number of P650-763-8359 and upon a call to your office, today, we were informed this number should be P650-0763-8359 and a search of our file does not show anything under that number.

Any person whose driver's license and driving privileges have been revoked may make application for reinstatement of his driving privileges after a period of one year. However, this does not necessarily mean he will be granted reinstatement of his driving privileges.

In the case of Mr. Prano, the revocation, under the date of April 15, 1957, is in full force and effect and if he is operating a motor vehicle, it is in violation of Section 6-210 of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Law.

We hope the above information will clarify any questions you have and ask that you please advise when we may be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
Chief Clerk

Drivers License Division
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Village Court of Maywood
125 SOUTH FIFTH AVENUE
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Honorable Charles F. Carpentier
Secretary of State
Drivers License Division
Springfield, Illinois.

RE: ROBERT C. PRANO

Dear Sir:

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We received from your office under date of April 12, 1962, a Certificate bearing the number 77478, stating that as of April 15, 1957, the driving privileges of one Robert C. Prano, 158 N. 20th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, has been revoked. The order of revocation of which we also received a copy, indicates a birth date of December 18. 1918, bearing License No. A2-519-838; further stating that his drivers license was cancelled (Order of Cancellation which we also received a copy of, dated May 9, 1958, bearing License No. P650-7631-8359) because said license was not validly issued due to the revocation on April 15, 1957.

We are considering lodging a complaint against Prano for driving on a revoked or suspended drivers license but the above facts are confusing to us and we hesitate to proceed until we have further and complete information. In reference to the above, please note tha t there is a difference in the birth date as well as address and license number, although we are convinced we are dealing with one and the same party in all instances.

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Any help you can give us concerning this matter will be appreciated. The hearing on his traffic arrests in this court is set for May 24, 1962, and I would like to hear from you on or before that date.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

VILLAGE COURT OF MAYWOOD

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-924) DATE: 8/13/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (92-726)(RUC)

SUBJECT: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka
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ReWFOairtel dated 7/27/62.

Enclosed is a photostat of the partnership agreement between [redacted] and ROBERT PRANNO dated 6/18/57 which was Exhibit #54 in connection with hearings heard by the McClellan Committee.

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Re Chicago airtel, 7/5/62.

[redacted], advised SA [redacted] on 8/24/62, [redacted] Inasmuch as [redacted] no further investigation is being conducted.

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ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, Aka.

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AUGUST C. KEMPFF	JMG

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REFERENCE: Report of PETROS A. KOTSOS dated at Chicago 7/19/62.

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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU

Two copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct investigation as necessary to develop information regarding ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, his associates and activities with a view towards developing the possibility of a violation of a federal law.

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INFORMANTS

CG T-1, [redacted] was contacted on June 22, 25 and 28, 1962, by SA PETROS A. KOTSOS. b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2, [redacted] was contacted July 11 through July 30, 1962, and August 2, 3, 29 and 30, 1962, by SA [redacted]

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA AUGUST C. KEMPFF
Date: September 20, 1962

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File No.: 92-924

Bureau File No.: 92-5614

Title: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 1605 North 39th Avenue, Stone Park, Illinois. PRANNO's activities in the Stone Park, Illinois area set forth including his domination of the Stone Park Police Department. Secretary of State's Office advises revocation of subject's operator's license continues in effect. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS INASMUCH AS HE HAS BEEN OBSERVED WITH A BLACKJACK IN HIS POSSESSION.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PERSONNEL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

CG T-1 advised that PRANNO continues to reside at 1608 North 39th Avenue, Stone Park, Illinois.

CG T-1 advised that the subject as of June 22, 1962, was driving an orange and red Plymouth with a white top bearing 1962 Illinois license LT 2237. CG T-1 noted that this license was previously used on subject's 1959 Holiday Oldsmobile which was orchid in color.

On August 7, 1962, [redacted] Supervisor, Drivers License Section, and [redacted] Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised Investigative Clerk JOSEPH D. HAMMITT the following: b6 b7C

1962 Illinois license LT 2237 issued February 16, 1962, to ROBERT C. PRANO, 1029 St. Charles Road, Elgin, Illinois, for 1959 Oldsmobile, VIN 598M35657. A check of records failed to reflect any current transfer of this license to a 1962 Oldsmobile. However, this check reflects that certificate of title 628M22035 was issued June 21, 1962 to ROCCO PRANO, 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois, for 1962 Oldsmobile, four door, Holiday, sedan, VIN 628M22035, which was purchased new May 22, 1962, from Loo's Olds and Cadillac, 427 Eighth Street, Iron River, Michigan, with no lien. The application for this title reflects that this vehicle is titled only and not registered in Illinois, and that a Michigan certificate of title D700306 was surrendered to obtain above Illinois title. These records also reflect that this car is now registered and titled to Acorn Anodizing Company, Incorporated, 1101 South Central Park, Chicago, Illinois.

CG 92-924

The following letter was forwarded to the Secretary of State, CHARLES F. CARPENTER, by [redacted] b6 b7C of the Village Court of Maywood on May 14, 1962, regarding ROBERT C. PRANNO:

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"The above subject was arrested in Maywood, Illinois, on February 28, 1962. At that time he gave an address of 1029 St. Charles Road, Elgin, Illinois; a birth date of December 18, 1919, and had evidence of a drivers license or a temporary receipt therefor, bearing License Number P650-763-8359. It therefore appears to us that this subject has a valid drivers license as indicated by the above number.

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"Very truly yours,

"VILLAGE COURT OF MAYWOOD

"/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C
"clerk"

The Secretary of State's Office furnished the following reply to the clerk of the Village Court of Maywood dated May 16, 1962, concerning ROBERT C. PRANNO, Secretary of State file number P650-7631-8359:

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ASSOCIATES

CG T-2 advised that as of July 11, 1962, [redacted] was described as a white male, 5'10", 170 pounds, dark brown, wavy hair, late [redacted], dark complexion, well dressed, glassy eyed, drives black 1949 - 1950 Oldsmobile four-door sedan, has been working at D'Ors for several months but his identity was not generally known until a warrant for his arrest was issued on July 10,1962, on the complaint of [redacted] Illinois, charging [redacted] bond on this charge was set at $5,000.00 by Judge LESTER COOK. [redacted] left the station house without posting bond and as of July 11, 1962, was still free without having posted bond.

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[redacted] reportedly made her complaint to the State's Attorney's Office and was told to come to the Stone Park officials and to make sure that the matter was handled. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] lives at [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] reportedly was [redacted] at the time of the [redacted] On July 12, 1962, [redacted] was locked up by the Stone Park police and released on bond at 6:30 p.m. [redacted] bondsman was [redacted]

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

CG T-2 advised that on July 19, 1962, ROCCO PRANNO was in D'Ors Lounge talking to individuals from the Tasty Freeze Company, Mid-Continent Maintenance, and Merganos Motors. PRANNO had a metal cash box near him and the other individuals had what appeared to be accounting type papers. The Tasty Freeze Company is an ice cream truck vending operation which has no business connection with D'Ors Lounge. PRANNO purchased his Oldsmobile through Merganos Motors, however, this deal has been completed and D'Ors is not known to subscribe to Mid-Continent Maintenance Service.

HANGOUTS AND PLACES FREQUENTED

CG T-1 advised that PRANNO no longer parks his car directly in front of D'Ors Lounge but puts it in the parking lot at the rear along side of the wall adjacent to the El Dorado Motel.

POLICE PROTECTION

CG T-1 advised that [redacted], an associate of ROCCO PRANNO made a "citizens arrest" approximately the first part of June in Maywood, Illinois. He arrested a woman for driving drunk and speeding, and took her before Judge LESTER COOK, the Magistrate for Stone Park. Judge COOK threw this case out of court and [redacted] could be subjected to a civil suit by the woman. [redacted] feels he can take these liberties due to the fact that he is ROCCO PRANNO's right hand man and is on the [redacted]

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PRANNO continues to have the Stone Park Police Department under his thumb and a squad car from the North Lake Police Department was observed in the rear of D'Ors Lounge in the early part of June, 1962. CG T-1 overheard conversation of the Stone Park Police Officers which would indicate that this department has been instructed to issue more traffic summons and stop suspicious cars in the neighborhood of North and Mannheim or in that general area to identify law enforcement officers who might be in that area.

[redacted] a part-time [redacted] of the [redacted] is said to be ROCCO PRANNO's "fair haired boy". b6 b7C

CG T-1 advised that PRANNO has given instructions to the Stone Park Police Officers that they are to not rush to answer calls in the Stone Park and Melrose Park, Illinois areas but were told to take their time. After a fight took place at the Danzo House, Melrose Park, the Stone Park Police were commended for taking their time in arriving at the scene unabling the owners to straighten the situation out prior to their arrival.

CG T-2 advised in July, 1962, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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CG T-2 advised that on August 1, 1962, the Stone Park Police were called to D'Ors Tavern. PRANNO had had some trouble with three men and called for the police to throw them out. PRANNO was quite aggravated over this incident and kept slapping his hand with a blackjack. CG T-2 noted that PRANNO carries a flat blackjack in his hip pocket.

CG T-2 advised that JIMMIE PRANNO has issued instructions to the Stone Park Police Department that all suspicious strangers are to be stopped and required to identify themselves. This resulted from two unidentified men who were observed in Stone Park recently and reportedly were wearing guns. They were in a 1961 Ford, Illinois license, [redacted] and were presumed to be investigators from some agency. b6 b7C

CG T-1 advised that ROCCO PRANNO has the complete cooperation of the 12 to 8 shift of the Stone Park Police Department and is kept advised of any problems that arise during the night. PRANNO can walk into the police station and use their telephone at will. As a result of this cooperation, ROCCO PRANNO has been given the code name of "Judge Holiday" by the Stone Park Police. These policemen do not use PRANNO's name over the radio but refer to him as "Judge Holiday".

MISCELLANEOUS

[redacted] Century Surety Underwriters, Incorporated, 2649 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 18, 1962, advised SA GEORGE H. MENZEL that his company is the bond manager for the Wabash Fire and Casualty Company. b6 b7C

[redacted] made available the bond "stub" executed by LARRY SPALLA on March 3, 1962, for ROBERT PRANNO. This stub also reveals that this bond was for $100.00, the offense "no D.L." (drivers license), "speeding", court-Maywood, date of appearance - March 26, 1962.

He advised that no other bonds could be located as having been written for the subject. [redacted] stated, however, that if PRANNO was arrested recently it is possible that his office might not yet have received any record of it from Chicago.

In this regard [redacted] advised that LAWRENCE SPALLA is a sub-agent for [redacted] General Agent for Illinois, of the Wabash Fire and Casualty Company, located on California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that [redacted] would be cognizant of any recent bond which might have been written by SPALLA for PRANNO on any arrests since the one which was referred to above.

[redacted] advised that he is not personally acquainted with SPALLA and that his file reveals that this individual became employed by [redacted] in approximately January, 1962. He stated a credit report from the Retail Credit Company, dated February 21, 1962, reveals the following information concerning SPALLA:

Name	LAWRENCE SPALLA
Address	6318 South Kostner Avenue
Employment	Bondsman for four to six years
Age	Approximately 54 years
Marital Status	Married
Wife	[redacted] with six dependents

The report further states SPALLA had a good business reputation, was financially stable, living within his means. The report advised that no criticism of his health, habits, or reputation had been developed.

[redacted] advised that his file also revealed SPALLA apparently had a [redacted] who was also employed as a bondsman for [redacted] since January, 1962. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Illinois, and [redacted] was previously employed as a bondsman for Gilbert Cosentino Company, 1163 State Street, Chicago. [redacted] stated that inasmuch as LAWRENCE SPALLA was previously engaged in this capacity he may also have worked with [redacted] for this firm. He pointed out that the Gilbert Cosentino Company, wrote bonds which were previously underwritten by the Central Casualty Company, which he understands is now out of business.

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The Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, in addition to information concerning ROBERT C. PRANNO advised:

1962 Illinois license [redacted] issued February 16, 1962, to [redacted] Illinois, for 1949 De Soto, four door, VIN [redacted] A check of driver's license failed to reflect any driver's license issued to [redacted] at above address but driver's license [redacted] was issued May 20, 1962, to [redacted] Illinois. This license expires July 11, 1963, and described him as 5'10", 150 pounds, date of birth, [redacted] brown hair, hazel eyes.

1962 Illinois license [redacted] issued February 14, 1962, to [redacted] Illinois, for 1962 Chevrolet, two door, VIN [redacted] Driver's license [redacted] issued February 20, 1961, to [redacted] Illinois. This license expires March 8, 1963, and describes him as 5'11", 170 pounds, date of birth [redacted] brown hair, green eyes.

1962 Illinois license [redacted] issued March 1, 1962, to [redacted] Illinois, for 1955 Oldsmobile, four door, VIN [redacted] A check of records failed to reflect any driver's license issued to [redacted] at above address but driver's license [redacted] was issued November 20, 1961 to [redacted], Illinois. This license expires June 10, 1963 and describes him as 5'8", 168 pounds, date of birth [redacted] brown hair and brown eyes.

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1962 Illinois license [redacted] issued February 14, 1962, to [redacted] Illinois, for 1958 Cadillac, four door, VIN [redacted] Driver's license [redacted] issued June 22, 1960, to [redacted] Illinois, and this license expires October 15, 1963. [redacted] described as 5'4", 120 pounds, date of birth, [redacted] brown hair and brown eyes.

1962 Illinois license [redacted] issued January 23, 1962, to [redacted] Illinois, for 1962 Chevrolet two door, VIN [redacted] Drivers license [redacted] issued June 2, 1959, to [redacted] Illinois. This license expires October 29, 1962, describes him as 5'7", 175 pounds, date of birth [redacted] brown hair and brown eyes.

1962 Illinois license [redacted] issued to [redacted] Illinois, on February 1, 1962, for 1956 Buick, four door, VIN [redacted] Driver's License [redacted] issued July 26, 1960, to [redacted] Illinois. This license expires August 15, 1963, and describes him as 5'10", 150 pounds, date of birth [redacted] brown hair, brown eyes.

Disabled Veterans 1962 Illinois license [redacted] issued February 13, 1962, to [redacted] Illinois, for 1960 Valiant, four door, VIN [redacted] driver's license [redacted] issued August 22, 1961, to [redacted] Illinois. This license expires September 1, 1964 and describes him as 5'10", 150 pounds, date of birth [redacted] red hair, blue eyes.

On August 24, 1962, SA [redacted] noted that b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] who drives a 1959 Impala two door white hardtop Chevrolet, has been seen entering a place called Maggio's or the Pink Clock in Forest Park, Illinois. This car is also frequently observed parking in the Parking lot of D'Ors Lounge or behind the Stone Park Police Department. b6 b7C

CG T-2 advised that early Sunday morning, July 29, 1962, a late model Chrysler Imperial, bearing Florida license plates, was observed parked in D'Ors Lounge parking lot. The first two digits of this number are [redacted] At the same time, an Imperial with Illinois license [redacted] was parked at D'Ors Lounge. b6 b7C

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Date April 2, 1962

On March 22, 1962, [redacted]

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On 3/22/62 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-924

by SA PETROS A. KOTSOS/blg;bll Date dictated 3/27/62

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-924

Chicago, Illinois
September 20, 1962

Title **ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of Special Agent August C. Kempff dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] b7D

DATE: **9/5/62**

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact **7/25, 30; 8/2, 3, 30, 29/62**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	**92-924**
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM	**92-466**
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Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
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See attached memo.

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On July 25, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] (formerly reported as [redacted] phonetic) is still ambulance chasing. [redacted] is chasing for [redacted] who lives on [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] has heard it rumored that [redacted] was disbarred. [redacted] is an acquaintance of [redacted] (phonetic), owner of [redacted] lives on [redacted] is also a friend of [redacted] b6 b7C b7D name may be [redacted] who used to be employed at the aircraft plant on [redacted] claims he [redacted] used to travel for the "outfit" but never gave any details. [redacted] is acquainted with the "boys" that hang out around Taylor and Halsted. [redacted] is believed to be [redacted] lives in [redacted] Illinois.

On July 30, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

Early Sunday morning (July 29, 1962), about 1:00 AM or 2:00 AM, he observed a late model Imperial parked at D'Ors Lounge. This car bore Florida license plates the first two digits of which were [redacted] He believes the color of this car was black. At the same time he also noticed the Imperial with Illinois License [redacted] parked at D'Ors. b6 b7C

[redacted] b7D

On August 2, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

At about 10:20 PM, last night, he received a call from [redacted] at D'Ors to [redacted] PRANNO appeared to be quite agitated over the incident and kept slapping the palm of his hand with a blackjack as he talked of the incident. PRANNO carries a flat blackjack in his hip pocket. At this time PRANNO was heard to remark to [redacted] "let's go to the office" and then told the doorman he would be back in twenty minutes.

On August 3, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

Last evening the Morton Grove Police Department advised there was a warrant out for the arrest of [redacted] Morton Grove picked up three individuals for theft of televisions. One of the individuals picked up, (FNU) [redacted] (phonetic) is a dope addict and when dope was withheld from him, named [redacted] as the receiver for some of their stolen goods. When [redacted] learned of this he cleaned out his house, abandoned his car at the Town and Country Bowling Alleys on North Avenue, in Northlake, and left word he was going to Crystal Lake. JIMMY PRANNO appears to be pretty "pissed" that [redacted] would get mixed-up with dope addicts. [redacted] before leaving, left the telephone number [redacted] of Stone Park Police Department. b6 b7C

On August 6, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] is back in town. He understands one of the three individuals arrested by the Morton Grove Police Department is a relative of [redacted] b6 b7C
It has been ascertained the televisions these individuals stole were from motels. On Saturday about 11:00 PM, [redacted] were in back of the Stone Park Police Department

[redacted] b7D

talking to [redacted] told [redacted] he would have the money for him next week. One of the group of three arrested by the Morton Grove Police Department is now in the county jail, this is [redacted] was observed making frequent trips to Angelo's Tavern after this incident. b6 b7C

[redacted] is still with D'Ors. [redacted] said the girl who swore out a warrant for his arrest came in to court and said she did not want to make a complaint. The case is scheduled for August 8, 1962.

On August 20, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

A Chicago Police Department warrant was issued for the arrest of [redacted] (phonetic) on a large number of traffic tickets. [redacted] is a bartender at the [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] said he was the owner of [redacted] that it was registered under his name.

There was an arrest of a woman narcotics addict in Stone Park recently and investigation disclosed narcotic parties had been held at the Americana Motel, Room 205. One of the pushers identified was (FNU) [redacted] a barber and part-time policeman in [redacted] Another pusher identified was owner of a barber shop in Melrose Park. b6 b7C

HERSCHEL, the doorman at D'Ors, has numerous needle marks on his arms and is believed to be a dope addict. [redacted] is still [redacted] and is the maitre d' there.

He continues to see the car of [redacted] at D'Ors.

One of the three addicts, who were arrested recently in connection with television thefts, is related to the owner of Angelo's Tavern and either owns or works in a barber shop in Northlake.

A Treasury Department agent recently made inquiry at the Stone Park Police Department concerning the Diamond Lounge regarding back taxes. He mentioned that two girls had operated it.

D'Ors is being remodeled.

[redacted] b7D

On August 27, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

A policeman on the midnight shift of the Melrose Park Police Department runs a bookie operation in the basement of his home. The policeman is known as [redacted] or [redacted] (phonetic). b6 b7C

He believes "JIMMY" PRANNO owns the Manor Lounge. PRANNO came by the Stone Park Police Department last night, flashed a large roll of bills which he said he picked up from the Manor Lounge. He said he wanted to put them in a safe as he was going to a wake. The bills were in a bank moneybag, name of bank not observed.

D'Ors is being completely remodeled. He was in the [redacted] there recently during a [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Police

Two unidentified men were observed in Stone Park recently and reportedly were wearing guns. They were in a 1961 Ford Illinois License [redacted] and may have been investigators from some agency. "JIMMY" PRANNO has issued instructions to the Stone Park Police Department that all suspicious strangers are to be stopped and required to identify themselves.

The full name of the narcotics pusher, previously identified as being from [redacted] he is also reportedly a fence for stolen property. b6 b7C

[redacted] has been away on vacation for about one and one half months. Place where he went not known to [redacted] b6 b7C

On August 29, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b7D

[redacted] has been out of town three or four days "downstate". [redacted] returned today and contacted [redacted] regarding [redacted] During their conversation, [redacted] asked [redacted] if he knew of anyone who [redacted] indicated [redacted] cautioned [redacted] not to disclose [redacted] identity. b6 b7C b7D

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Chicago, Illinois
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Title ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent August C. Kempff dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

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Rockford Racketeer and Girl Victims

BY SANDY SMITH

Two crime syndicate gangsters were described by authorities yesterday as prime suspects in the murders of a Rockford racketeer and his blonde, 18 year old sweetheart.

Pranno

Winnebago county authorities investigating the double slaying identified the hoodlums as Rocco Pranno, 45, a gambling chief, and his henchman, Julius Cohn, 49.

The investigators expressed belief that the murders on Aug. 7 of Octavio [Chico] Martinez, 32, and Ann Bergman resulted from Martinez's double cross of the Chicago gangsters. Detectives said that Martinez was an ally of the syndicate mobsters who are invading rackets in Winnebago, Stephenson, and Ogle counties.

Invasion Two Years Old

Gambling, coin machine and juke box operations in the three counties have been under assault by Pranno and Cohn for the last two years, it was disclosed.

Three other gangsters took part in the syndicate penetration of rural rackets, THE TRIBUNE learned.

It was directed by Willie [Potatoes] Daddano, the syndicate's overseer of vice and gambling in northern Illinois. Called in by Daddano to assist Pranno and Cohn were Thomas Moretti, 49, a member of a Chicago clan of hoodlums, politicians, and policemen, and Lupe [The Chief] Cardenas, a syndicate terrorist in Kane county.

A Rockford coin machine operator has told Winnebago county authorities, it was learned, that Martinez acted as a "front man" for Pranno and Cohn in coin machine routes.

Identity Kept Secret

The informant's identity has been kept secret by State's Atty. William Nash of Winnebago county.

The Bergman girl was murdered, according to the informant, simply because she happened to be walking with Martinez when the assassins tracked him down.

"For what he told us, the informant could be killed, too," a county investigator said.

The coin machine operator reported that he and Martinez arranged identical deals with the Chicago mobsters when they moved into Winnebago county.

Borrowed Big Sums

Pranno, he said, loaned substantial amounts of money to him and to Martinez so they could install prophylactic-dispensing machines in the Rockford area. He also reported that Pranno and Cohn ordered syndicate couriers to cache packets of narcotics in the cases of the coin machines.

The informant said that Pranno demanded repayment of the loans shortly before Martinez was slain. The witness added that he was unable to pay his loan and told Pranno that he wanted to get out of the rackets. The informant also expressed belief that Martinez was unable to square his debt.

Two days after Martinez was killed, the coin machine operator was beaten by Cohn and three other hoodlums on a highway near Rockford.

In checking on his account of mob terrorism, police discovered that a man resembling Cohn had quarreled with Martinez in a Rockford roadhouse a few minutes before Martinez and his girl were taken for a gangland ride.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent August C. Kempff dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is an individual who is familiar with Rocco Pranno and his associates.

CG T-2 is an individual who is closely associated with the Stone Park area and is in a position to obtain information pertaining to the activities of Rocco Pranno.

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EX-AID TELLS HOOD'S THREAT TO MURDER HIM

Rocco Pranno Named by Informer

BY SANDY SMITH

A terrified coin machine operator reported yesterday that he had been threatened with death by a Chicago crime syndicate hoodlum for aiding Winnebago county authorities in an investigation of two gangland murders.

Clarence Foss, 43, told THE TRIBUNE that the threats to kill him had been made by Rocco Pranno, 45, an ex-convict and syndicate gambling chief. Pranno is leading a syndicate invasion of rackets in Winnebago, Stephenson, and Ogle counties.

Ordered to "Shut Up"

Pranno ordered him to shut up or be killed, Foss said, soon after Foss involved Pranno and another syndicate gangster, Julius Cohn, 49, in the investigation of the murders on Aug. 7 of a Rockford racketeer and his blonde sweetheart.

Foss told a story of rackets, terror, and murder. He admitted that he, like the slain racketeer, had been a "front man" for Pranno. He revealed to authorities in detail how Pranno used his "front men" to establish syndicate control of gambling and coin machines in Winnebago county.

It did not take the syndicate long, Foss said, to learn that he was talking to detectives for State's Atty. William Nash of Winnebago county.

"First Pranno sent word to me that I would be killed if I didn't keep my mouth shut," he said. "On Aug. 17, Pranno caught me on the street in Rockford and told me: 'Don't talk to anyone or you'll have a caller.'"

Going Into Hiding

"I don't want to meet Pranno's kind of callers," Foss added. "They would give me cement shoes."

In underworld jargon, "cement shoes" describes an assassination in which the body of the victim is weighted with concrete and dumped in a river or lake.

Foss said he was going to leave his home at 655 Julian st., Belvidere, and go into hiding to escape the mob vengeance threatened by Pranno.

Foss furnished information to authorities about the murders of Octavio [Chico] Martinez, 32, and Ann Bergman, 18. Both were shot to death and were apparent victims of a gangland ride. His body was dumped near Rockford on Aug. 7. Her body was discovered a week later near Byron, in Ogle county.

Cites Pranno's Demands

After the killings, Foss told investigators that he and Martinez were Pranno's front men

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in Winnebago county gambling and coin machine operations.

Foss speculated that Martinez was killed when he refused—or was unable—to pay the high interest, known as "juice," demanded by Pranno on loans. Authorities believe Miss Bergman was slain because she was abducted with her lover and witnessed his murder.

He and Martinez were caught in the same trap, Foss related. Six times in the last three years, Foss said, he pleaded with Pranno to let him out of the rackets. Each time he was beaten by Pranno's hoodlums and forced to continue his work for the mob, he said.

His last beating by Cohn and three other gangsters on Aug. 9 put Foss in Rockford Memorial hospital. It was then, he said, that he decided to talk to the state's attorney.

Foss, a former salesman, said Pranno lured him into the rackets in 1959 with promises of rich profits from gambling and coin machines.

With money borrowed from Pranno in loans, Foss acquired 50 prophylactic-dispensing machines and syndicate gambling devices which he operated in Winnebago county saloons.

But all the profits went to pay the interest on the loans while his debts to Pranno mounted, Foss said.

"The interest kept going up and up so that I never could get out of hock," Foss said. "Everything I took in went to Pranno. When I got behind in my payments, they'd beat me again. They kept wanting me to handle more and more gambling equipment. I figured the only way I could get away from the hoodlums was to tell the story to the state's attorney."

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Memorandum

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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See attached memo.

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On 9/4/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

Early 9/3/62, a.m., "Jimmy" PRANNO told Stone Park Police Department to close the Manor Lounge at 3:00 a.m. (It has a license to remain open longer.) PRANNO appeared to be quite upset and remarked concerning the Manor Lounge that his employees were cheating him. In accordance with PRANNO's instructions the Manor Lounge was closed within about 15 minutes.

[redacted] beat the rape charge against him as the complainant failed to appear in court. b6 b7C

"Jimmy" PRANNO now has his license plates back on his car.

Last Friday night (8/31/62) he observed a black 1962 brown Imperial, bearing Florida plates, parked at D'Ors for three or four hours.

[redacted] is getting a 1962 Cadillac for which he is paying $2700.00 and his '59 Cadillac.

"Jimmy" PRANNO says all accident or other cases from the village should go to attorney, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] is supposed to be friend of PRANNO.

[redacted] is working in the [redacted] She is blonde, about 5'4", 140 lbs., in late [redacted] or early [redacted]

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On 9/5/62, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] is going to be at D'Ors tonight at about 9:30 p.m. [redacted] said he is handling some personal affairs of PRANNO. b6 b7C

On 9/11/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

The Manor Lounge is now operating to late hours again. b7D

A lawyer in [redacted] (LNU), a friend of [redacted] is handling some matter for "Jimmy" PRANNO. [redacted] is reputed to be a "sharp" attorney although he presents a "sloppy" personal appearance. b6 b7C

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[redacted] is working with [redacted] through PRANNO b6
on accident cases. [redacted] does not like the b7C
arrangement because [redacted] does not pay out on cases until they are settled.

A Stone Park CPA, name unknown, who does accounting work for the village also does work for "Jimmy" PRANNO.

"Jimmy" PRANNO was visited yesterday by a police officer of long service from Jasper, Minn. The policeman was here on vacation. He is about 52 years of age and drives a 1954 Chevrolet.

On 9/12/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

There is to be a Grand Jury hearing this morning b7D
in Chicago re the fire at the Manor Lounge several years ago. He saw pictures the village fire department has of the interior of the Lounge after the fire. The pictures show large water jugs which were supposed to have been filled with gasoline, setting around in various locations in the Lounge.

[redacted] went to see "Jimmy" PRANNO b6
about [redacted] b7C
did not like [redacted] because [redacted] will not [redacted] b7D
[redacted] When [redacted] brought the matter up, PRANNO was emphatic that it was to be [redacted] and no one else. As soon as [redacted] saw PRANNO's attitude he did not open his mouth.

"Jimmy" PRANNO says he has a stomach condition and gets dizzy spells. He has called [redacted] to D'Ors to treat b6 b7C
him.

Last night "Jimmy" PRANNO sent for [redacted] who is on the volunteer fire department. [redacted] responded promptly and arrived still wearing his fireman's boots.

On 9/13/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

He recently heard through a relative of [redacted] b7D
named [redacted] that a large motel is being constructed in the vicinity of 7000 S. Mannheim Road. [redacted] said it was being built by parties associated with the Melrose Park syndicate including "Teets" BATTAGLIA. [redacted] operates a trucking company and is employed on the project.

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[redacted] is a contact for purchase of jewelry and other items [redacted] believes to have been stolen. He does not know [redacted] source but has observed him or his car several times in the vicinity of a jewelry store in Melrose Park just off Lake Street. b6 b7C

[redacted] heard through [redacted] that "Jimmy" PRANNO may back [redacted] in his campaign for the office now held by [redacted] PRANNO is apparently not too happy with [redacted] Inasmuch as PRANNO previously was displeased with [redacted] it is not known whether or not PRANNO has reached some sort of understanding with [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

He has learned the reason PRANNO sent for [redacted] (ph) the other night [redacted] is that he is also on the city Building Commission. Someone wanted a permit to build a six-story apartment building in Stone Park and [redacted] had sent them to see PRANNO inasmuch as PRANNO did not want any buildings of that type in town. PRANNO was mad at [redacted] for sending the applicant to see him. b6 b7C

Stone Park officials planned to pave certain streets in the village but a group of citizens, numbering approximately 52, got up a petition and hired two attorneys to oppose this action. The citizens' objection was they believed graft would be involved which they would have to pay for. Apparently the citizens are now willing to give up on their protest but the attorneys want to stick it out. PRANNO remarked that if the attorneys did not give up he would find some way to get rid of them.

When PRANNO leaves D'Ors he usually travels south on Mannheim Road.

Charges Hoodlum Controls Stone Park

Beaten Teacher Rejects Guard

A suburban grade school teacher today refused to seek police protection, tho he charged he was beaten and his life threatened because of his fight against the village government in Stone Park.

"Maybe I'm stupid, but I know I'm right," said Jesse Hight, 40, of 1741 N. 40th av., Stone Park, a teacher in Melrose Park.

"I might be attacked again, and if I am I'll just have to defend myself as well as possible. I've lived in this village for 12 years and I certainly don't plan to run away now."

Beaten Outside of Cafe

Hight said he was beaten severely Monday night outside of D'ors restaurant, 1741 N. Mannheim rd., Stone Park, by Rocco Pranno, 45, alleged gambling boss of Kane county.

Hight said he was leaving a meeting in the restaurant when Pranno approached him and said he wanted to talk about the former's criticism of the village government.

"All of a sudden he hauled off and hit me," Hight said. "It was really unexpected. I thought we were living in a civilized age. He got in several more good blows and then kicked me when I was down. I then got up and defended myself and got in a few punches before some people came out and broke it up."

Charges Racket Control

Hight said Pranno threatened to kill him and added:

"He said next time he saw me he'd use a baseball bat."

Hight charged Pranno controls the rackets in Stone Park, as well as the police department and village administration.

He also charged that Andrew Signorella, the police chief, is Pranno's cousin and was appointed by Ciro J. Gulino, the village board president.

Hight had led an attack on Gulino's plans to make a special tax assessment to finance an estimated $1,750,000 street improvement program.

The school teacher said the project should not cost more than 1 million dollars.

Gulino charged Hight is "playing politics." He said the school teacher is upset because he was fired by the village board as building commissioner early this summer.

"He is always shooting off his mouth," Gulino said. "It's a wonder he wasn't hit before this, the type of language he uses. He's just trying to make the village look bad because he was fired. And I never heard him complain about the street improvement program until now."

No Water in Summer

The village's streets are in terrible condition and there is no water in the summer, Hight said.

He said he is working to elect a new village government next April.

Hight and Pranno have lodged cross-complaints of assault against each other, arising from Monday night's incident. They are both scheduled to appear next Wednesday before Lester Cook, Stone Park justice of the peace.

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Gambling Boss, Teacher Scuffle

Trade Blows Over Cost Of Stone Park Street Work

Rocco Pranno, gambling boss of far west Cook County, nursed a bruised shin and sore knuckles Tuesday after a fist-fight with a school teacher.

Both he and the teacher, Jesse Hight, have filed battery charges against each other and will appear Oct. 24 before Justice of the Peace Lester Cook.

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PRANNO, reached at his home at 2608 N. 39th Av., Stone Park, said the teacher called him names during a heated discussion about delays and prices in Stone Park's street program, at a Kiwanis club meeting Monday night.

Hight, 43, of 1741 N. 40th Av., Stone Park, said he accused Pranno of raising the cost of the street program from $15 to $30 a frontage foot "and the next thing I knew he hit me."

"All we have out here is hoodlum law," Hight said. "I spent three years in the infantry, and I have no qualms about killing anyone. No two-bit bum is going to push me around."

Hight, who scuffled with Pranno in front of a restaurant at 1741 N. Mannheim Rd., was nursing a black right eye, a cut lip and bruises around the mouth.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On September 13, 1962, [redacted] Supervisor, Corporate Division, Secretary of State's Office, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, advised that a review of the corporate records did not reflect any information regarding the Aurora - Kane County Amusement Company or the Arrow Amusement Company having been incorporated in the State of Illinois. [redacted] pointed out that according to Illinois Corporate Laws, a business can show company in their title and not be a registered corporation in the State of Illinois. [redacted] pointed out only when the work "Inc." is used, will the business be incorporated and recorded as a corporation with the Secretary of State. b6 b7C

On September 13, 1962, [redacted] Bureau of Hospitals, State of Illinois, Department of Public Health, Springfield, Illinois, advised the Bruni Memorial Hospital, Inc., Northlake, Illinois, was a hospital that had been in operation in the Chicago area since the first part of 1962. [redacted] said the staff of physicians with the Bruni Memorial Hospital was filed with the office on February 9, 1962, and [redacted] staff. Background information concerning [redacted] was as follows:

His home address was [redacted] Illinois. He was born [redacted] at [redacted] Italy. He received his [redacted] education at [redacted] Italy, 1951. He was licensed as a [redacted] in the

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State of Illinois in 1959. He is not a member of AMA and he is licensed as a full-time [redacted] and held State of Illinois [redacted] license No. [redacted] According to the record, [redacted] does not belong to any national scientific [redacted] society, nor does he hold any professional appointments.

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The following professional background was recorded concerning [redacted] He interned at [redacted] New York, from July 1954 until June 1955 and, according to remarks, he failed the following [redacted] examinations before passing and being licensed in the State of Illinois during 1959. Failed State of Virginia [redacted] examinations June of 1958 and June of 1959. Failed State of Illinois [redacted] examinations February of 1957, April of 1958, July of 1958 and October of 1958.

[redacted] advised as follows concerning the Bruni Memorial Hospital, Inc.; it is a 110-bed general hospital, located at 365 East North Avenue, Northlake, Illinois. It was completed and licensed as a hospital and has been in operation since May 31, 1962. [redacted] stated information had come to the Bureau of Hospitals when the hospital was being constructed that one of the [redacted] was [redacted] The Chicago Crime Commission had determined that [redacted] had a criminal record and had served time at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, during the year 1933. He had been convicted for the crime of armed robbery at Chicago, Illinois, and had been sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary for a period of one year to life. As a result of the unfavorable publicity and because of the investigation by the Chicago Crime Commission, [redacted] by letter dated December 12, 1961, to [redacted], care of [redacted] Illinois, stated [redacted] as a member of the [redacted] was resigning from such board and all of his shares of stock, which he owned, were being offerred to the hospital board for their purchase. The above offer was in pursuant to the articles of incorporation.

[redacted] advised when the Bruni Memorial Hospital was under construction, the ownership was a business corporation and the following officers were members of the corporation:

[redacted] Illinois. [redacted] owned 2,580 shares of stock.

[redacted] Illinois. b6 b7C

[redacted] Illinois, and he owned 1400 shares.

[redacted] stated that after [redacted] the [redacted] of the hospital and it was changed from a business corporation to a "not for profit organization", the hospital had been issued a license on May 31, 1962.

[redacted] stated the ownership and officers of the board as a non-profit corporation still are the same officers as set out before when the organization was a business organization. [redacted] stated the hospital is operated by a board of governors and the following members of the board have been recorded with the Illinois Board of Hospitals:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] Certified Public Accountant
4. [redacted]
5. [redacted]
6. Honorable DANIEL COVELLI
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8. CHARLES M. PALLARDY, Attorney at Law
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[redacted] stated the forgoing information is the extent of the activities of the members of the Bruni Memorial Hospital staff that have come to the attention of the Bureau of Hospitals and hoodlum activities on the part of the [redacted] of the hospital were limited to that of [redacted]

Probe Charges Against Pranno

States Atty. Daniel P. Ward ordered an investigation Wednesday of charges by schoolteacher Jesse Hight, 43, of 1741 N. 40th av., Stone Park, that he was assaulted by gambling boss Rocco Pranno as they left a Kiwanis meeting Monday night.

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Hood Runs Stone Park, Beaten Teacher Charges

BY ROBERT WIEDRICH

A grade school teacher, beaten by a crime syndicate hoodlum, charged yesterday that the village of Stone Park is riddled with rackets, including gambling and vice.

Jesse Hight, 42, of 1741 N. 40th av., Stone Park, teacher in Melrose Park, World War II Purple Heart infantry veteran, and father of two children, vowed to continue his fight for clean government despite a beating administered Monday

Hight (left) and Pranno

by Rocco Pranno, 45, hoodlum gambling boss of Kane county.

Says Pranno Runs Town

Hight told THE TRIBUNE that Pranno controls Stone Park and that Pranno beat him after they clashed over a proposed special assessment street improvement program.

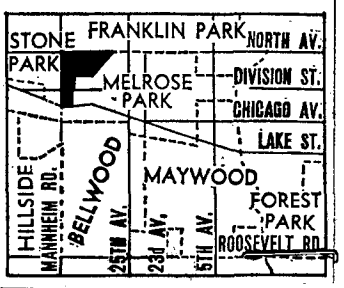
He also charged that Pranno controls the rackets in the village, the police department, and the city administration.

In Monday night's clash outside D'ors restaurant, 1741 N. Mannheim rd., Stone Park, Hight said, Pranno threatened to beat him with a baseball bat and kill him. But Hight said the threats would not stop him from seeking to oust the *Pranno forces.*

Calls Him 'Two-Bit' Hood

"No two-bit hoodlum is going to push me around," he said.

Hight was wounded while fighting in Europe with the 106th infantry division in World War II.



Pranno, who is leading a crime syndicate invasion of rackets in Winnebago, Stephenson, and Ogle counties, filed an assault charge against the teacher. Hight suffered severe mouth cuts and had one tooth knocked loose. Pranno reportedly kicked Hight after knocking him down.

Sees Beating as 'Message'

Hight also charged Pranno with assault and both are to appear Oct. 24 before Lester Cook, Stone Park justice of the peace.

"The beating was Pranno's way of letting me know who's running the town," Hight said. "I didn't expect him to punch me. We're not living in the dark ages.

"He kept saying he was going to kill me. Then he kicked me while I was down. He told me, 'I'm going to kill you the next time, and I'll use a baseball bat.' But his threats aren't going to stop me.

"I'm going to work to elect three new trustees next April and then we'll get some clean government around here. We'll get a new police chief, someone who won't have to answer to Pranno."

Chief Is Pranno's Cousin

Andrew Signorella, the present police chief, is Pranno's cousin and was appointed by Ciro J. Gulino, who is serving his second term as board president. Bribery charges against the police chief were dismissed in Criminal court in 1960 after the complaining witness refused to testify.

Hight attacked plans of Gulino to make a special tax assessment to finance an estimated $1,750,000 street improvement program.

The program should cost no more than 1 million dollars, Hight said. It has been stalled by protests filed by several hundred Stone Park residents in County court.

Fired Hight, Says Gulino

Gulino said he fired Hight two months ago as the village's building inspector "because of complaints of irregularities in his conduct" and that Hight "failed to make full payment to the village for water used in a laundromat owned by Hight."

Gulino called Hight's charges political.

Hight denied the village president's allegations and demanded that he and Gulino take lie detector tests. Hight said he had been assured by the state's attorney's office that it will have an observer at the Oct. 24 hearing on the cross-assault complaints.

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Black Eyes Mark Suburb Teacher Who Battled Town's Alleged Boss

A Melrose Park grade school teacher stayed home Tuesday to nurse a pair of black eyes and a cut lip inflicted, he said, by an ex-convict who "runs the town" of Stone Park.

The teacher, Jesse Hight, 43, of 1741 N. 40th, Stone Park, said he was assaulted by Rocco Pranno, alleged gambling czar of the Far West suburb who served five years in Stateville Prison for armed robbery. Pranno, 45, said Hight assaulted him.

Hight charged that Pranno beat him Monday as Hight left a Kiwanis meeting in the suburb. Hight said, "It got back to him that I've let it be known that I hold him partly responsible for the failure of our street program."

Hight accused Pranno of raising the cost of street paving from "$15 to $25 or $30 a frontage foot." "I don't think he is fully responsible," Hight said, "but he is as guilty as anyone because he runs the town. He has influence over three (village) trustees and the chief of police."

Anthony Signorella, police chief and a cousin of Pranno, denied the charge.

Both Pranno and Hight, who teaches sixth grade at the Melrose Park School, 1715 Lake, were free on $500 bond each after filing cross complaints charging assault. They are scheduled to appear next Wednesday before Lester Cook, Stone Park police magistrate.

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Courage: One Man Against the Mob

Right Must Win, Says Teacher

BY NORMAN GLUBOK

In any battle between wrong and right, says school teacher Jesse Hight, "right comes out on top, at least most of the time, anyway."

Hight, 42, is engaged in an almost single-handed effort to run the crime syndicate out of his home town of Stone Park.

So far his efforts have netted Hight two blackened eyes, a badly split upper lip, and a loosened front tooth.

The battle scars were administered Monday night by Rocco Pranno, 45, a crime syndicate hoodlum whose influence in the western suburb is not diminished by the fact that his cousin, Andrew Signorella, is police chief.

Protests Street Cost

Hight, father of two young children, said he was beaten when he protested at a Kiwanis meeting that a proposed 1.7-million-dollar street improvement program should cost no more than 1 million.

Interviewed in his home, a modest white frame bungalow at 1741 N. 40th av., Hight said he has no intention of giving up the fight.

"I teach my boys and girls that we live in a democracy," said Height. "That means we have to stand up for what we believe to be right.

"If we don't clean up a situation like this, it will get worse."

Among the things Hight would like to see cleaned up are the syndicate vice and gambling enterprises that thrive along Mannheim road, almost within sight of his front door.

Teaches 6th Graders

A mild-mannered man, 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing but 145 pounds, Hight teaches a 6th grade class at the Melrose Park Elementary school.

In the dozen years he has lived in the suburb since his 1950 graduation from Northwestern university, Hight has been active in the Kiwanis club, Little league baseball, and the Evangelical United Brethren church.

"I try to live right," says Hight. "I owe it to the boys and girls in my class."

Born on a farm near Ladd, Bureau county, Hight has been living in the Chicago area since 1936.

Recalls War Fright

During World War II he was a combat infantryman who was awarded four battle stars and a Purple Heart as his unit fought its way across Belgium and Germany.

Hight says the only time he has ever been frightened was during the Battle of Bulge, when the Germans were chasing him.

"I was young and I was scared," he recalls.

Now he sees nothing to be frightened about.

"As far as I can tell," says Hight, "I have all the legal rights in the world."

Hight's plans include supporting the Better Government party slate in the election for the three village trustee posts to be contested next April.

"We've got to see that honest officials are elected to do the job that has to be done," he says. "It takes people with guts to do the job."

Hight says he plans to run for village president when that post comes up for election in April, 1965. The incumbent is Ciro J. Gulino, who appointed Pranno's cousin police chief.

Keeps Gun in Home

Has Hight taken any special precautions to protect himself and his family since the Monday night altercation?

"Nothing special," he replied. "I'm a very light sleeper, and I always keep a pistol in the house."

Then he added thoughtfully: "I'd like to get revenge, that's natural. If any of those hoodlums came into this house I'd have a perfect right to shoot them.

"I wouldn't hesitate for a minute."

State's Atty. Daniel P. Ward has ordered an investigation into the beating to determine whether additional charges can be lodged against Pranno, an ex-convict whose syndicate gambling domain extends westward from Elgin to Freeport.

Hight and Pranno have filed cross-complaints charging assault. They will be heard next Wednesday by Lester Cook, Stone Park justice of the peace.

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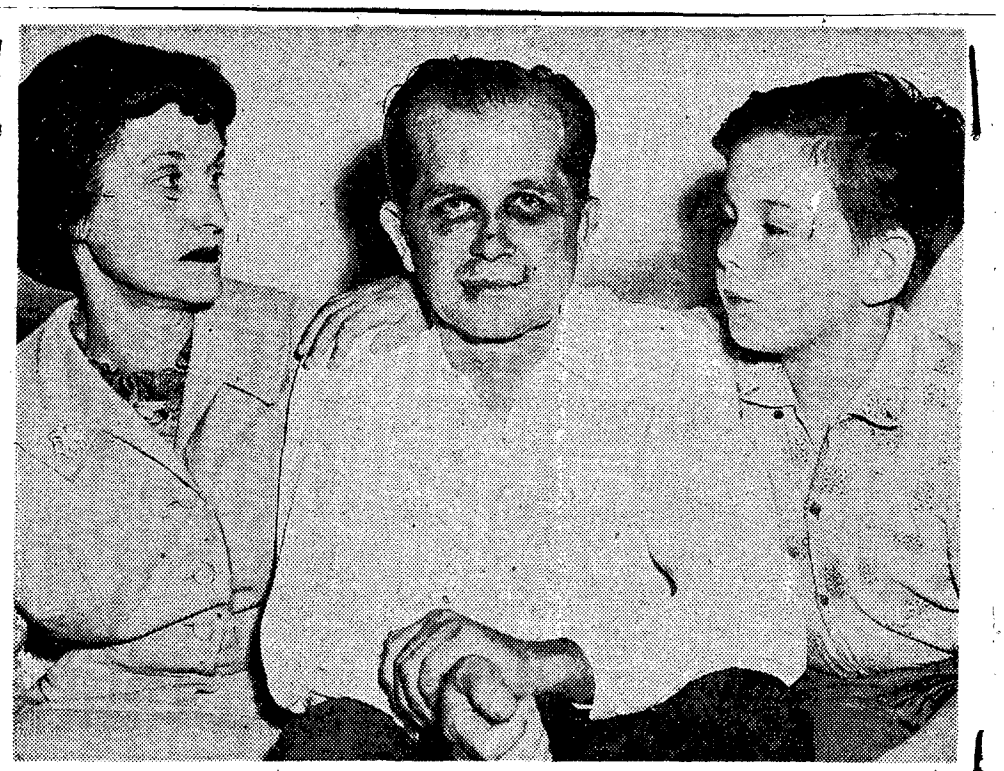

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JESSE HIGHT WITH WIFE, BEATRICE, AND THEIR SON, PHILLIP
Reward for honesty: blackened eyes, split lip, loose tooth

PROBE BEATING OF TEACHER BY ROCCO PRANNO

Ward to Eye Rackets in Stone Park

BY ROBERT WIEDRICH

State's Atty. Daniel P. Ward ordered an investigation at Stone Park yesterday of the beating Monday night of a grade school teacher by Rocco Pranno, Kane county gambling boss.

Ward told his investigators to question the victim, Jesse Hight, 42, of 1741 N. 40th av., Stone Park, a Purple Heart infantry veteran and the father of two children who teaches grade school in Melrose Park. Pranno, 45-year-old ex-convict, also will be questioned.

Ward said he is trying to determine what action his office can take on Pranno's assault and conditions in the community.

Peterson Raps Arrogance

Ward acted as Virgil Peterson, operating director of the Chicago Crime commission, charged that the beating demonstrated that "the hoodlums are getting more arrogant and bolder each day."

Peterson disclosed that his investigators discovered a handbook operating July 25 at the rear of the Amber lounge, 1549 N. Mannheim rd., Stone Park, and informed Sheriff Frank G. Sain.

"In such cases, the sheriff has started sending us a reply, which is virtually a form, reporting that the information forwarded him was turned over to the local police chief," Peterson said.

Andrew Signorella, the Stone Park police chief, is Pranno's cousin. In 1960, bribery charges against Signorella were dismissed when the complaining witness refused to testify.

Saw Bettors Pour In

Peterson said his investigators spotted a steady stream of customers entering the backroom of the Stone Park tavern where they could place horse bets. He added:

"All officials, including the state's attorney, should take a strong look at what's going on out there and take proper actioon. The state's attorney should take steps in assuring that Hight's rights are protected."

Hight and Pranno filed assault charges against each other. They are scheduled to appear Oct. 24 before Lester Cook, Stone Park justice of the peace.

The assault on Hight occured as he left a Kiwanis club meeting in D'ors restaurant, 1741 N. Mannheim rd., Stone Park.

'Punched, Floored, Kicked'

He charged that Pranno punched him, kicked him after knocking him to the floor, and threatened to beat him to death with a baseball bat "the next time." Hight has vowed to help win the election of three new village trustees in next April's balloting in an effort to break Pranno's rule of the suburb.

Alvin Morse, assistant state's attorney in charge of the suburban division, disclosed that Pranno is due to begin serving a 10-day county jail sentence Oct. 26 for driving an auto altho his driver license had been revoked in 1957.

Pranno was convicted by a jury Sept. 22 in Maywood City court. He had been arrested last May in Maywood. He was also fined $100. The hoodlum's lawyers obtained a stay of sentence until Oct. 26.

Pranno is in the forefront of a hoodlum invasion of rackets in Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago counties.

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~~MESS~~ IN STONE ~~PARK~~

Rocco Pranno, an ex-convict with a long and unsavory record of arrests for robbery and burglary who is said to be the crime syndicate's gambling boss in Kane county, has been charged with beating a fellow citizen of suburban Stone Park in a row over village politics. The victim is Jesse Hight, a World War II Purple Heart veteran and a teacher at Melrose Park Elementary school.

Hight says Pranno threatened to kill him. But the beating and the threat, Hight vows, will not deter him from working for the election of three new village trustees next April in an effort to clean up the local government,

Hight charges the village of Stone Park is riddled with rackets, including gambling and vice. Moreover, he charges that plans of Ciro J. Gulino, village board president, to make a special tax assessment to finance an estimated $1,750,000 street improvement program constitute "an outright attempt to steal money."

Gulino, now in his second term as board president, was elected to office with the help of the Independent party, of which Pranno's brother, Al, was chairman. Police Chief Andrew Signorella, a cousin of the Prannos, was appointed by Gulino. Two years ago Signorella was arrested and charged with bribery, but the charges were dismissed in Criminal court after the complaining witness refused to testify.

This is the second time Rocco Pranno has been charged with assaulting a Stone Park citizen. In July, 1961, a construction worker charged Pranno slugged him and threatened his life in a quarrel involving a parked truck. Pranno was arrested by state's attorney's detectives after his victim claimed Chief Signorella ignored his complaint, but the charges were later dropped.

Both Hight and Pranno are to appear on Oct. 24 before Lester Cook, Stone Park justice of the peace. Meanwhile, State's Atty. Ward has ordered an investigation.

The allegations should serve, also, to stimulate action by the state's attorney and sheriff of Kane county, where Pranno's domination of juke box routes and gambling was documented four years ago by the Senate rackets committee.

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Ex-Convict in Beating Has Syndicate Ties

BY NORMAN GLUBOK

Rocco Pranno, the crime syndicate hoodlum who is charged with the beating of a Stone Park school teacher, is well-known to federal investigators.

Operations of the 45-year-old ex-convict have been detailed in sworn testimony before the Senate rackets subcommittee.

Pranno, a crime syndicate muscleman, is charged with the beating of Jesse Hight, 42, of 1714 N. 40th av., Stone Park.

Hight, a sixth-grade teacher at Melrose Park Elementary school, charges he was beaten

Bernard Poss Rocco Pranno

by Pranno and threatened with death last Monday night for complaining publicly about the high cost of a proposed street improvement bond issue.

Beaten Outside Restaurant

The beating took place outside D'ors restaurant, 1741 N. Mannheim rd., Stone Park, where Pranno has been observed bossing waitresses and bartenders, altho his name does not appear on ownership records.

Hight, who suffered two black eyes and a split lip in the altercation, pledges to continue his fight until Pranno and other syndicate gangsters are run out of Stone Park.

The testimony before the Senate rackets subcommittee indicates that Hight has picked a powerful opponent.

On Feb. 19, 1959, witnesses told of Pranno's role in moving in on west suburban juke box and pin ball operators.

It was a classic story of the use of mob muscle to take over legitimate business.

Under questioning by Robert F. Kennedy, then chief counsel of the subcommittee and now attorney general of the United States, Bernard Poss, an Aurora juke box distributor, gave the following account of his dealings with Pranno.

"Boss" Wanted to Talk

Poss said he was approached by Pranno shortly before Labor day in 1956 and was told "the boss" wanted to talk to him.

Pranno drove him to a DuPage county roadhouse, the Lilac Lodge, where Pranno bought him a drink. Then, Poss related:

"We went out to his car and after we sat there a few minutes I said, 'Let's go.' I sensed something was wrong.

"While I am talking to him, three men came up to the car and I opened the car to get out, and a man in the middle said, 'Never mind, stay in there.' And they proceeded to get into the back seat.

"The man in the middle said, 'Drive.' With that, Pranno went down route 55 and then he asked me, he said, 'Poss, how long have you been in the business?' And I told him.

"Then he asked me how many machines I had, and I told him. He said, 'We are going to be your partner.' He said, 'We are going to make a lot of money.' He said, 'We will run books and slot machines and everything.' "

Poss told the committee that he explained to "the boss," a man never positively identified by the committee, that he [Poss] had never run a handbook.

Then Poss continued:

"He ["the boss"] said, 'We'll teach you.'

"I said, 'Well, I am getting too old for that now.'

"And I sensed that the two men alongside of him looked like bodyguards, and with this driver [Pranno] with him I thought the odds were kind of bad.

"So I agreed to whatever he said, they are going to be my partner."

Kennedy asked Poss if there was any talk about paying him for half of his business. Poss responded:

"I asked about that and they told me they would pay me out of the machines, my machines."

Then Kennedy asked, "Why did you agree to bring them in as partners?"

Said Poss:

"These roads that I was being rode [sic] over I had at various times saw [sic] the paper that bodies were hung over fences in that area and I thought it would be better than having that happen."

Poss testified that when he later backed out of his agreement to take in Pranno and the others as partners, several of his machines were chopped with axes or burned.

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Subject's name and aliases	Address of subject	Character of case
[redacted] **ROCCO PRANNO**		

Complainant	Complainant's address and telephone number	Complaint received
[redacted]	[redacted]	[ ] Personal [X] Telephonic Date **10/19/62** Time **11:00AM**

Subject's Description

Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
Age	[ ] Male [ ] Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	

Scars, marks or other data

Facts of complaint

Above complainant advised that under no circumstances should his name be revealed in connection with the following information.

Complainant previously called this office on 9/2/62 at which time he was very intoxicated and said that he was in fear that ROCCO PRANNO might do him bodily injury.

Complainant advised that [redacted] **is** [redacted] **of** [redacted] [redacted] **Ill., and that some time previous to 8/21/62,** [redacted] **who is** [redacted] **according to complainant, is very close to ROCCO PRANNO, who he described as a member of the Chicago Crime Syndicate and he believes that this threat meant the Syndicate would** [redacted] **There were no witnesses to this statement, although** [redacted] **was sitting in the car in which complainant** [redacted] **but was to great a distance to hear any conversation.**

He advised that one [redacted] **a school teacher of** [redacted] **accused PRANNO of raising the price of the streets in Stone Park from $15 to $30 a front foot and that the balance was to be divided up among the members of the Syndicate. As a result of this statement last Monday night PRANNO beat** [redacted] **up and he said the Chicago papers are full of this. He said that one** [redacted] **who lives at** [redacted] **in** [redacted] **had a rock thrown through his window with a note tied to it saying he should stay out of the street program. In addition he**

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advised that PRANNO operates a key club known as Dor's at 1741 Mannheim Road, Stone Park and that he gets all the village officials into the basement of his club and gives them orders on how to run the village. These orders are backed up by the village president, therefore, PRANNO is in effect running the village for the Syndicate. He said PRANNO has a Syndicate background and has been indicted several times and has recently been active in moving many members of the so-called Calumet strip to Mannheim Road and has brought in many undesirable characters.

He stated that PRANNO is scheduled to serve a 10 day sentence in Cook County Jail on a traffic violation beginning 10/26 and he feels that during that ten day period some of PRANNO's goons may go into operation and may kill or beat up [redacted] and others who have opposed the street program. b6 b7C

He advised that [redacted] who has [redacted] b6
in connection with this matter is tied into the racket; that the b7C
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that members of the States Attorney's Office are tied in with the Syndicate and, therefore, he desires that the FBI afford him and other opponents of [redacted] with protection. He was advised that this could not be done inasmuch as such is outside the scope of this Bureau's activities and appropriations. He was advised to report this matter to appropriate local authorities if he feared that he or other persons are in danger and he advised he would not do so because of the connections and he emphatically said that he does not want this Bureau to furnish this information to any other local law enforcement agencies.

He said that a hearing will be held in Stone Park in connection with the street program on 10/24 and he desired that an agent be assigned to attend this hearing as an observer. He was told that this is beyond the functions of this Bureau and that no such assignment could be made.

Complainant said since he feels his community is being operated by hoodlum dominated and lawless persons, that the citizens need the protection of Federal authorities and he thinks marshal law may be necessary. He said he may possibly call Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY concerning this.

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On 10/10/62 [redacted] furnished the following information:

HERSCHEL, the doorman at D'Ors, recently dropped dead of a heart attack. [redacted] "took off" because about six "guys" are looking for him. He hears that [redacted] bilked some private club for $700.00 to $800.00. MARGANO MOTORS in Stone Park recently had a grand opening type party regarding new car models. He observed one individual there whose picture he has seen in the newspapers. This individual has a pock-marked face. "TEETS" BATTAGLIA is a friend of [redacted] (ph), part owner and general manager of [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Stone Park Cop Gives Photogs a Rough Time

Stone Park Police Chief Andrew Signorella pushed newspaper photographers and threatened to jail them today when they attempted to take pictures of his cousin, ex-convict Rocco Pranno, 45, syndicate muscleman and reputed gambling boss of the western suburbs.

The incident occurred in the courtroom of Stone Park Police Magistrate Lester W. Cook only seconds after Cook had adjourned court and told photographers that he had no objection to their taking photos.

Flees Thru Rear Door

The police chief's action allowed Pranno to flee thru a rear door and down an alley.

Signorella later apologized for his act.

Earlier, Cook had banned picture taking during a hearing in which Pranno, of 1610 N. 39th av., Stone Park, and Jesse Hight, 42, of 1714 N. 40th av., in the suburb, charged each other with assault.

Teacher Tells Beating

High, an elementary school teacher, said Pranno punched and kicked him following an Oct. 15 Kiwanis meeting at 1741 N. Mannheim rd., Stone Park, in which Hight complained about gambling in the suburb. He also charged Pranno with threatening to kill him with a baseball bat.

As to Pranno's charge of assault, Hight said he struck the hoodlum in self defense.

When Pranno failed to appear at 10 a. m. when the case was called, Hight's attorney, William Cain, moved for discharge of his client and forfeiture of Pranno's $500 bond.

Gives Additional Hour

However, Magistrate Cook gave Pranno another hour to show up.

At 11:10 Pranno's lawyer, Leonard Karlin arrived and said he would produce his client if no pictures were taken. He described Pranno as "camera shy."

With the agreement of Assistant State's Atty. Alvan Morse, Cook ordered no photos taken during the hearing. Pranno then stalked into the court, dark glasses and a handkerchief shielding his face.

Legal Action Missing

Despite Pranno's theatrics and the physical activities of Chief Signorella, there was little legal action during the hearing.

The case against Pranno was continued to Nov. 21 at Karlin's request and Cook granted Hight's motion for a change of venue.

At one point Cook looked at the 30 spectators in the courtroom, most of them friends of Hight, and said he would grant Karlin's request for a continuance, adding:

"I don't like all these people here who are trying to make me a goat."

Although Hight's wife, Beatrice, was among the spectators, Pranno's wife, Martha, didn't enter the courtroom. She remained in her office in another part of the building where she serves as Stone Park's assistant village clerk.

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PRANNO CAMERA SHY

Gambling Chief's Trial Postponed

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The trial of west suburban gambling chief Rocco Pranno and schoolteacher Jesse Hight, who has charged Pranno with muscling into the village affairs of Stone Park, has been postponed until Nov. 21.

Each has brought charges of battery against the other as a result of a fist fight between the two Oct. 12, after a Kiwanis meeting in the village.

Justice of the Peace Lester Cook in the village hall Wednesday said he would consider Hight's request for a change of venue.

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PRANNO, 45, of 2608 N. 39th Av., Stone Park, was an hour late for the trial. He was finally hustled in from a parked car by his attorney, Leonard Karlin, when Hight's attorney asked for a discharge of the case against the teacher.

Hight, 43, of 1741 N. 40th Av., Stone Park, still showed signs of the fight with part of a black eye as well as facial bruises.

Pranno entered the courtroom shielding his face with a handkerchief, and was wearing sunglasses. On Karlin's request, the JP banned photographers during the trial.

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AFTER adjournment, the camera-shy Pranno was saved from being photographed when Stone Park Police Chief Andrew Signorella shoved Daily News photographer Ed Jarecki away from the hoodlum, who fled down a fire exit.

Cook told Signorella that photographers could make pictures, since court was adjourned. "I didn't know that," Signorella said.

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On 10/17/62 at Stone Park, Illinois File # 92-924 - 137

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Date October 24, 1962

[redacted] advised that he was [redacted] of the [redacted] and had as one of his teachers, a [redacted] who had recently been beaten up by ROCCO PRANNO. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was a [redacted] teacher and had been in that school for the past five or six years and in the school district before that. [redacted] has a good reputation in the school, is well qualified as a teacher and does an excellent job with the children. It is common knowledge that for the past three or four years [redacted] has been involved in Stone Park politics.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] has not been in to teach his class since the morning of October 16, 1962. [redacted] had called in sick at this time and his whereabouts was unknown to [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **10/25/62**

FROM : SA [redacted]

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☑ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative

☒ Positive

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On 10/17/62 [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

He has heard that if the Republican candidate for Sheriff of Cook County wins the election this fall his number one man will be [redacted] heard this from [redacted] stated [redacted] is an old politician. [redacted] told [redacted] he heard this from [redacted] but did not believe [redacted] at the time. [redacted] said he later heard the same thing at the County Building in Chicago. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] is a friend of [redacted] and a [redacted] of a BATTAGLIA that lives in [redacted] b6 b7C

"JIMMY" PRANNO said he may close D'Ors because he is losing money on it.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] (a resident of [redacted] who is a [redacted] school teacher and who was recently assaulted by "JIMMY" PRANNO) is an outspoken individual. [redacted] was recently fired from his job as [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

On 10/19/62 [redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] has said [redacted] will pay for opposing "JIMMY" PRANNO. [redacted] has leaked information to the newspapers concerning [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] b7D

owns property in [redacted] including a laundromat and the [redacted] made money on the side through his former position as [redacted] b6 b7C b7D and was "gassed" because he was fired about three weeks ago. [redacted] thinks the court hearing on the PRANNO [redacted] fight will result in a continuance and then will be a case of one man's word against another as nobody saw the fight.

[redacted] remains very close to "JIMMY" PRANNO. b6 b7C

[redacted] told [redacted] there may be a new job for [redacted] if [redacted] is elected Sheriff.

[redacted] called attention to recent article in "Chicago Tribune" concerning gambling at the Amber Lounge which confirms information he previously furnished. b6 b7C b7D

Uphold Jail Term for Pranno

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] b7D

DATE: **11/9/62**

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

☐ CI ☐ SI

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SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact

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ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	**92-924**
CIP	**92-466**

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

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On October 23, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

According to Chief SIGNORELLA, the scheduled court hearing concerning the fight between "JIMMY" PRANNO and [redacted] will result in a continuance and the eventual result will be that both PRANNO and [redacted] will be fired. b6 b7C

He thinks "JIMMY" PRANNO may be tied-in with the bookie operation at the Amber Lounge for the following reason: He recently saw one of the negro men employed at D'Ors come out of the Amber Lounge with a large roll of bills which he placed in his pocket and returned to D'Ors.

[redacted] is a foul-mouthed individual and his fight with PRANNO is the first time he has ever done anything that is right. [redacted] is reputed to own property worth half a million dollars along [redacted] has told the State's Attorney's investigators about [redacted] property. b6 b7C

A gambling operation at 23rd and Lake Streets, Melrose Park, Illinois is reportedly controlled by "Teets" BATTAGLIA and is operated by the same group that used to operate the Casa Madrid.

He does not believe there is any link between Margano Motors and "JIMMY" PRANNO.

The individual with the pock marked face he has seen visiting [redacted] at Margano Motors drives a black Cadillac. He does not now recall the license number but he has previously checked the license plates and found they are listed to a woman for a Chevrolet. This individual is described as follows: b6 b7C

Name	Unknown
Sex	Male
Age	Mid-[redacted]
Race	White

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Height	5'10"-11"
Weight	190 - 200 lbs
Complexion	Fair
Characteristics	Wears light grey broad-brimmed felt hat, face pock marked, diamond ring left little finger, "sharp" dresser

On October 25, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

The court hearing yesterday in the case [redacted] vs. PRANNO resulted in a continuance. The case has been split; the case [redacted] vs. PRANNO will be heard in Melrose Park and the case PRANNO vs. [redacted] will be heard in Stone Park. The name of the attorney representing PRANNO is [redacted] who is from [redacted] b6 b7C

"JIMMY" PRANNO was overheard talking to his accountant last night. Not all of the conversation was audible but it sounded as though PRANNO is planning to move into a "new" city where he will have control of everything including the Police Department.

He has heard from [redacted] that the word is out to the Stone Park Police Department to put the pressure on [redacted] in anyway possible -- for example, they are to try and close [redacted] laundromat at 11:00 p.m. each night inasmuch as much of his business is done after that hour. If "kids" are found hanging around the laundromat at night they are to close it. This morning the coin boxes on [redacted] laundry machines were found broken. It is not known definitely whether this is related to the pressure. b6 b7C

There is no question but that [redacted] was taking money on the side when he was [redacted] b6 b7C

He hears "JIMMY" PRANNO sent, or had someone else send, an anonymous letter to the State's Attorney's Office giving information on [redacted] He thinks the letter was signed "5th Party" or something of that nature.

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[redacted] is still missing and PRANNO is looking for him. b6 b7C

[redacted] who operates [redacted] and who is the head of [redacted] is a friend of "JIMMY" PRANNO. The bartender at D'Ors formerly worked for [redacted] as a maintenance man.

Last night the bartender at D'Ors came to "JIMMY" PRANNO's table and told him [redacted] had called. PRANNO remarked that [redacted] was supposed to have called the following day and that he has a job for [redacted] Identity of [redacted] or nature of the job was not disclosed. b6 b7C

[redacted] recently approached [redacted] as to whether he would be interested in [redacted] b7D

On October 29, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information:

He has identified [redacted] friend with the pock-marked face as being [redacted] carries a police badge and commission card from Justice, Illinois. [redacted] resides in [redacted] He is of the impression [redacted] controls the Police Department and other affairs in Justice in much the same manner "JIMMY" PRANNO controls Stone Park. [redacted] is connected in some way with the construction business and owns or has an interest in apartments located at [redacted] Illinois. b6 b7C He also has interest in the trailer court being constructed in Justice.

[redacted] now has a new "98" Oldsmobile for which [redacted] has not yet secured plates. It is black, is air conditioned and has bucket seats.

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[redacted] says there will be a change of Chief of Police in Justice soon. b6 b7C

An individual by the name of [redacted] is in the Fraud and Complaint Division of the State's Attorney's Office. This [redacted] has [redacted] who operates a catering business there.

On 10/30/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: [redacted] appears to at least be the "front" for the trailer camp being constructed at [redacted] Illinois. This appears to be the same project which he [redacted] previously heard was being sponsored by individuals in Melrose Park. He understood Cook County Trailer Sales is going to open an office at the trailer court. [redacted] carries a large roll of $50 and $100 bills. b6 b7C b7D

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ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka	AUGUST C. KEMPFF	ysa

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING

REFERENCE: Report of SA AUGUST C. KEMPFF dated 9/20/62 at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURE

TO THE BUREAU

Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct investigation as necessary to develop information regarding ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, his associates, and activities, with the view towards developing the possibility of a violation of Federal law.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA AUGUST C. KEMPFF
Date: 11/28/62

Office: Chicago

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Bureau File No.: 92-5806

Title: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject reportedly controlled politicians in the Stone Park Area, and assaulted [redacted] A ten-day jail sentence imposed on subject upheld by Judge COVELLI. Aurora Kane County Amusement Company pin ball machines purchased in Chicago area. No evidence of any interstate transportation of pin ball machines by Aurora Kane. SUBJECT IS TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS, INASMUCH AS HE HAS BEEN OBSERVED WITH A BLACKJACK IN HIS POSSESSION.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

A newspaper article in the Chicago Daily Tribune dated October 19, 1962, indicates that ROCCO PRANNO an ex-convict was said to be the crime syndicate gambling boss in Kane County.

[redacted] a resident of [redacted] was beaten up by PRANNO as a result of his activity in local politics. [redacted] charged that the Village of Stone Park is riddled with rackets including gambling and vice. [redacted] was elected to office with the help of the independent party of which [redacted] was chairman. Police chief ANDREW SIGNORELLA, [redacted], was appointed by GULINO two years ago. [redacted] was arrested and charged with bribery, but the charges were dismissed in criminal court after the complaining witnesses refused to testify.

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ASSOCIATES

Information as follows was furnished by the Springfield Division concerning [redacted] an associate of ROCCO PRANNO:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On September 13, 1962, [redacted] Supervisor, Corporate Division, Secretary of State's Office, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, advised that a review of the corporate records did not reflect any information regarding the Aurora - Kane County Amusement Company or the Arrow Amusement Company having been incorporated in the State of Illinois. [redacted] pointed out that according to Illinois Corporate Laws, a business can show company in their title and not be a registered corporation in the State of Illinois. [redacted] pointed out only when the word "Inc." is used, will the business be incorporated and recorded as a corporation with the Secretary of State.

On September 13, 1962, [redacted] Bureau of Hospitals, State of Illinois, Department of Public Health, Springfield, Illinois, advised the Bruni Memorial

Hospital, Inc., Northlake, Illinois, was a hospital that had been in operation in the Chicago area since the first part of 1962. [redacted] said the staff of physicians with the Bruni Memorial Hospital was filed with the office on February 9, 1962, and [redacted] Background information concerning [redacted] was as follows:

His home address was [redacted] Illinois. He was born [redacted] at [redacted] Italy. He received his [redacted] education at [redacted] Italy, 1951. He was licensed as a [redacted] in the State of Illinois in 1959. He is not a member of AMA and he is licensed as a full-time [redacted] and held State of Illinois [redacted] license number [redacted] According to the record, [redacted] does not belong to any national scientific [redacted] society, nor does he hold any professional appointments.

The following professional background was recorded concerning [redacted] He interned at [redacted] New York, from July 1954, until June 1955, and, according to remarks, he failed the following [redacted] examinations before passing and being licensed in the State of Illinois during 1959. Failed State of Virginia [redacted] examinations June of 1958 and June of 1959. Failed State of Illinois [redacted] examinations February of 1957, April of 1958, July of 1958 and October of 1958.

[redacted] advised as follows concerning the Bruni Memorial Hospital, Inc.; it is a 110-bed general hospital, located at 365 East North Avenue, Northlake, Illinois. It was completed and licensed as a hospital and has been in operation since May 31, 1962. [redacted] stated information had come to the Bureau of Hospitals when the hospital was being constructed that one of the [redacted] was [redacted] had a criminal record and had served time at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, during the year 1933. He had been convicted for the crime of armed robbery at Chicago, Illinois, and had been sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary for a period of one year to life. As a result of the unfavorable publicity and because of the investigation by the Chicago Crime Commission, [redacted] by letter dated December 12, 1961, to [redacted], care of [redacted] Illinois, stated [redacted] as a member of the [redacted]

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[redacted] was resigning from such board and all of his shares of stock, which he owned, were being offerred to the hospital board for their purchase. The above offer was in pursuant to the articles of incorporation.

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[redacted] advised when the Bruni Memorial Hospital was under construction, the ownership was a business corporation and the following officers were members of the corporation:

[redacted] Illinois. [redacted] owned 2,580 shares of stock.

[redacted] Illinois.

[redacted] Illinois, and he owned 1400 shares.

[redacted] stated that after [redacted] the [redacted] of the hospital and it was changed from a business corporation to a "not for profit organization", the hospital had been issued a license on May 31, 1962.

[redacted] stated the ownership and officers of the board as a non-profit corporation still are the same officers, as set out before when the organization was a business organization. [redacted] stated the hospital is operated by a board of governors and the following members of the board have been recorded with the Illinois Board of Hospitals:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] Certified Public Accountant
4. [redacted]

5. [redacted] b6 b7C

6. Honorable DANIEL COVELLI

7. [redacted] Northlake

8. CHARLES M. PALLARDY, Attorney at Law

9. [redacted] State Representative

10. [redacted]

11. [redacted] Retired

12. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated the foregoing information is the extent of the activities of the members of the Bruni Memorial Hospital staff that have come to the attention of the Bureau of Hospitals and hoodlum activities on the part of the [redacted] of the hospital were limited to that of [redacted] b6 b7C

POLICE PROTECTION AND POLITICAL TIES

[redacted] on October 19, 1962, telephonically advised SA [redacted] that his residence was [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

[redacted] According to [redacted] GULINO is very close to ROCCO PRANNO. [redacted] resident, accused PRANNO of raising the price of the street program from $15.00 to $30.00 a front foot. For making this statement, [redacted] was beaten up by PRANNO.

[redacted] also stated that [redacted] who lives at [redacted] had a rock thrown through his window with a note on it advising him to stay out of the street program. PRANNO, who operates Dor's at 1741 Mannheim Road, on occasion gets the Village officers in the basement of this club and gives orders as to how the Village is to be run. These orders are backed up by the Village President. b6 b7C b7D

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ARRESTS

A Chicago American article dated November 4, 1962, is set forth as follows:

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CITES ILL HEALTH

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UNDER INVESTIGATION

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HANGOUTS

T-1 advised that ROCCO PRANNO owns and operates the tavern known as Dor's at 1741 Mannheim Road, Stone Park. On October 17, 1962, the following license numbers were observed in the vicinity of Dor's Restaurant. These numbers and their subscribers were set forth as follows:

FG 6295, R&M Auto Leasing Incorporated
141 North Main
Crystal Lake

[redacted]

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MISCELLANEOUS

A Chicago American article dated October 24, 1962, is set forth in part as follows:

"[redacted] pushed newspaper photographers and threatened to jail them today when they attempted to take pictures of [redacted] ex-convict ROCCO PRANNO, 45, syndicate muscleman and reputed gambling boss of the western suburbs. b6 b7C

"The incident occurred in the courtroom of Stone Park Police Magistrate LESTER W. COOK only seconds after COOK had adjourned court and told photographers that he had no objection to their taking photos.

FLEES THRU REAR DOOR

"The [redacted] action allowed PRANNO to flee thru a rear door and down an alley.

"[redacted] later apologized for his act.

"Earlier, COOK had banned picture taking during a hearing in which PRANNO, of 1610 N. 39th av., Stone Park, and [redacted] charged each other with assault.

[redacted] TELLS BEATING

[redacted], said PRANNO punched and kicked him following an Oct. 15 Kiwanis meeting at 1741 N. Mannheim rd., Stone Park, in which [redacted] complained about gambling in the suburb. He also charged PRANNO with threatening to kill him with a baseball bat.

"As to PRANNO's charge of assault, [redacted] said he struck the hoodlum in self defense.

"When PRANNO failed to appear at 10 a.m. when the case was called, [redacted] attorney, [redacted] moved for discharge of his client and forfeiture of PRANNO's $500 bond.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/5/62

[redacted] Donan Distributing Company, 2633 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, advised that he has been associated with Dona Distributing for the past five years or six years, and is familiar with the people who were customers of his for the purpose of buying coin machines. As a distributor of the Bally Coin Machines, he sold them to [redacted] CHRIS AMBROSE, (deceased) of St. Charles, [redacted] who operates the [redacted] who operates in [redacted] County, and FRANCIS CURRY of Joliet, Will County.

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[redacted] stated that inline or bingo type pin ball machines, which were manufactured in Chicago by the Bally Manufacturing Company, were sold by Danon to the Aurora Kane County Amusement Company, and to his knowledge, Aurora Kane purchased no machines out of the Chicago area. He stated that Aurora Kane used Bally machines almost exclusively over any machines they may have had, which would have been individual machines or machines which were purchased from another coin machine operator.

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According to [redacted] coin machine operators in the Chicago area do not go out of state for any equipment, inasmuch as the Chicago area is headquarters for this type of machine, and if anything, machines would be shipped out of Chicago to other points in the United States.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] former pin ball machine operator, who was interviewed by the Mc Clellan Committee, presently operates [redacted] Wisconsin, his telephone number at the store is [redacted] Area Code [redacted]

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According to [redacted] in 1958, [redacted], was an accountant for PRANNO.

On 10/31/62 at Chicago, Illinois File # 92-924

by SA AUGUST C. KEMPFF/ymm Date dictated 11/5/62

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Chicago, Illinois
November 23, 1962

Title

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character

Reference **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Report of Special Agent August C. Kempff dated and captioned as above

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ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who is familiar with the Stone Park Area.

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advised that he was in and a World War II veteran. He has lived in for the past 10 years and is the owner of the house in which he lives

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On 10/17/62 at File # 92-924 -144

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About this time [redacted] appeared at the residence of [redacted] and the agents excused themselves without identifying themselves and advised [redacted] that he would be contacted in the future.

[redacted] home telephone number is [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **11/19/62**

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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On 11/5/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

An individual who drives a 1962 green Dodge Dart with Illinois License [redacted] (listed to [redacted] on an Oldsmobile) which were recently transferred from another car has been selling all types of small merchandise at very low prices. This individual appears to be very close with [redacted] This individual [redacted] This individual makes several trips to St. Louis each week via U.S. 66. He has a pawn shop on [redacted] in partnership with [redacted] (LNU). This individual says he "clears" everything he sells at his shop with the Chicago Police Department Burglary Detail.

A [redacted] (LNU) has been selling merchandise in Stone Park. [redacted] thinks this merchandise may have been stolen. He recalls this individual once sold cashmere coats alleged to be worth $200 for $45.00. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] "JIMMY" PRANNO, and "JIMMY" PRANNO's [redacted] met at D'Ors today. They were heard to mention it would cost them $6,000 to drill a well for their own water. They also mentioned a trailer court and something about a trust.

[redacted] has been conferring with "JIMMY" PRANNO about getting more accident cases [redacted] said he has an important meeting with PRANNO about PRANNO's books. An unidentified woman makes posting to JIMMY PRANNO's books. b6 b7C b7D

On November 6, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information:

The individual who drives the Dodge Dart, Illinois License [redacted] appears to be in his 30s. b6 b7C

Chief of Police IOSCO of Melrose Park called [redacted] first thing this morning. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

AL PRANNO said they got the word at the last minute to go for [redacted] but he did not elaborate upon this statement. b6 b7C

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Seeks Jury Hearing of Hood's Case

JP Prejudiced, Says Prosecutor

An assistant state's attorney said Friday he will take an assault charge against hoodlum Rocco Pranno to the county grand jury because the justice of the peace hearing it is prejudiced.

Alvin F. Morse made the charge against Stone Park Justice of the Peace Lester Cook, who had just granted a continuance of charges brought against Pranno by Jesse Hight, a school teacher.

In asking for the continuance, Morse said only that he had received additional information on the case.

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BUT HE TOLD The Daily News that he has an affidavit from a man who heard Cook say Hight was a liar and should not be believed while Cook attended a Nov. 7 meeting of the Stone Park Kiwanis Club.

"He should have disqualified himself from hearing the case," Morse said.

"I will definitely make out a report and recommend that the case be brought before the grand jury."

The affidavit was obtained by Hight's attorney, Robert Cronin, Morse said.

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PRANNO, west suburban gambling chief, and Hight brought battery charges against each other after a fist fight that followed another Kiwanis meeting in the village Oct. 12.

At their previous appearance in the court Oct. 24, photographers were shoved around by a man in a black suit, who later was identified as Stone Park Police Chief Andrew Signorella, Pranno's cousin.

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[redacted] a Maywood Illinois Court Clerk, furnished the Maywood, Illinois Court records concerning the arrest and trial of ROBERT C. PRANNO. These records indicate that on September 22, 1962, ROBERT C. PRANNO was found guilty of driving after having his license revoked. This guilty finding was the result of a jury trial. Judge COVELLI sentenced PRANNO to 10 days in jail and a $100 fine. There was a stay of mittimus to October 27, 1962, at which time two additional charges of speeding and driving without a license were to be tried. The Maywood file number on the charge for which PRANNO was found guilty is 62CR1988. The file number on the two charges to be heard on October 27, 1962 are 62CR106 and 107.

[redacted] also advised that a [redacted] on October 9, 1962, filed a [redacted] suit against [redacted] whose address was given as [redacted] Illinois.

On 10/17/62 at Maywood, Illinois File # 92-924-152

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Teacher To Tell Fight Story First

Judge August Taddeo in Melrose Park police court today continued until Dec. 28 assault charges against Jesse Hight, 42, a grade school teacher who engaged in a fist fight with Rocco Pranno, 45, ex-convict and syndicate muscleman.

Taddeo granted the continuance when Hight asserted assault charges brought by him against Pranno should be heard first. That case is set for Wednesday before a police magistrate in Stone Park.

Hight, of 1714 N. 40th av., Stone Park, and Pranno signed assault complaints against each other after a fight Oct. 15 that started when Hight complained about village government at a Kiwanis meeting.

Hight said he is trying to oust the crime syndicate from Stone Park and also remove "Pranno's influence over village governments." 4-8

Pranno's cousin, Andrew Signorella, is Stone Park police chief.

Hight is a former building commissioner of Stone Park.

Spectators at today's hearing included Albert W. Wright, an investigator for the Chicago Crime commission.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] DATE: **12/21/62** b7D

FROM : SA [redacted] [ ] CI [ ] SI b6 b7C

[X] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact	**11/9, 20, 26, 28; 12/6,14/62**
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On 11/9/62, [redacted] PCI, furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

There is to be a meeting tonight between [redacted] and JIMMY PRANNO and other unknown individuals. [redacted] went downtown to [redacted] office, [redacted] yesterday. All criminal cases from Stone Park go to [redacted] and [redacted] gets all others. b6 b7C

[redacted] went to Wisconsin yesterday to go hunting.

Chief IOSCO of Melrose Park is worried about [redacted] as the new Sheriff. b6 b7C

[redacted] is getting a 1963 Oldsmobile.

On 11/20/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

The case "JIMMY PRANNO vs. [redacted] comes up tomorrow. [redacted] is to see Judge COOK tonight before 9:00 PM. PRANNO told [redacted] to tell Chief SIGNORELLA to pick up [redacted] and get him in to see COOK. Observed in PRANNO's possession was a business card as follows: b6 b7C b7D

All Star Entertainment Agency
1667 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park
[redacted]
Bookings - Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Las Vegas. b6 b7C

PRANNO has a drivers license in his possession, name on it is not known.

JIMMY PRANNO has an 18 foot boat which he is moving. [redacted] is to arrange for a trailer to move it. PRANNO is going to trade it in on a larger boat. PRANNO says [redacted] does not know about the boat, just him and [redacted] (works at D'Ors). b6 b7C

[redacted] has been gone to Wisconsin over a week and JIMMY PRANNO is mad because [redacted] was supposed to be back in time to handle [redacted] in PRANNO's suit with [redacted].

JIMMY PRANNO says he owns the Manor Lunge.

He understands [redacted] owes AL PRANNO $1,000; [redacted] $100; [redacted] $400. b6 b7C

[redacted] (LNU) works as bartender at D'Ors during the day and runs the Manor Lounge at night.

The street issue in Stone Park has been settled and one man has already gotten the bid. [redacted] said it is all cut and dried - that bids are only being taken to make everyone happy.

He hears [redacted] is going to make all the suburban Chiefs of Police, Deputy Sheriffs. b6 b7C

[redacted] price for fixing a drunk driving charge is $300.

On November 26, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

There was a meeting at D'Ors between JIMMY PRANNO and a contractor named [redacted] (LNU), and two other unidentified individuals. Subject of discussion was the street project. b6 b7C

Stone Park Police Department warrant from Bellwood authorities for service on [redacted] wanted for desertion of children. She works at D'Ors. JIMMY PRANNO instructed the warrant not be served.

JIMMY PRANNO is getting his car painted a new color as he thinks it has been identified due to his recent publicity at court hearings. He is presently driving a 1959 Chrysler New Yorker on loan from Mergano's. It is a four-door model, blue in color and bears dealers plates.

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PRANNO's [redacted] has his office in the same building as the All Star Entertainment Agency in Stone Park. b6 b7C

On 11/28/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

A new police association is in operation, Suburban Police Association. It is located upstairs at Colby's, Lake and Broadway, Melrose Park, Illinois. President - [redacted] (phonetic) from Melrose Park Police Department, midnight to 8:00 AM shift; Treasurer - [redacted] Stone Park Police Department; Vice-President - (FNU) [redacted] Melrose Park Police Department. There are also two other policemen associated with this association. These individuals are fronting for four civilians. Their gimmick is to solicit ads for an ad book. There are three telephones at this office. Police serve as collectors. [redacted] was asked to be a collector. b6 b7C b7D

JIMMY PRANNO is carrying the following drivers license: [redacted] Expires 1966. He does not know of anyone who knows this except PRANNO and himself. He thinks PRANNO's new Illinois license plates will be registered to this name. b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] is taking leave from the County Highway Division and going to take a job in [redacted] Position not known. b6 b7C

On 12/6/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] fronts for JIMMY PRANNO. [redacted] is getting the [redacted] contract for Stone Park. The bids are to be opened 12/8/62. JIMMY PRANNO and [redacted] were discussing the contract and [redacted]

is of the opinion from listening to conversation that subcontractors who want to get in on the contract have to put up $2,500, a thousand of which has to be submitted before getting the subcontract. [redacted] does not think this is a performance bond or anything of that sort but is a payment that will go to PRANNO and others. He thinks the subcontracts were let a week ago. JIMMY PRANNO said [redacted] company was his (PRANNO's). b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

JIMMY PRANNO's court case with [redacted] has been continued. b6 b7C

He thinks [redacted] (previously reported by [redacted] as a probable seller of stolen merchandise) was the intended receiver of the truck load of stolen televisions recently recovered by the Stone Park Police Department. b6 b7C b7D

The village trustees are getting $100 each for the street paving job and PRANNO has told them to keep track of what they have coming to them in addition to this.

The Sheriff at Freeport, Illinois, has requested pictures and information concerning PRANNO. Chief SIGNORELLA replied that there are not any pictures available and the only record he has is the case PRANNO vs. [redacted] which is pending and which is a cross suit. b6 b7C

JIMMY PRANNO's Oldsmobile's new color is Cadillac bronze bottom and Corvette tan top. PRANNO has a second car now, a black 1956 Super Buick, four-door hard top; it still has dealer plates.

On 12/14/62, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

JIMMY PRANNO is going to start a taxi company in Stone Park, to serve Stone Park and surrounding area. This is to take place within about ten days to two weeks. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] will manage the taxi business for PRANNO. This [redacted] is the one who works for PRANNO. [redacted] managed the [redacted] for years. PRANNO is starting out with three cabs. He is buying the cars from [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] has not yet gone to work in the Sheriff's Office. The reason [redacted] is not going on the Sheriff's force is that [redacted] is going to be the new [redacted] on the [redacted] when [redacted] leaves to run against Judge Cook as an independent candidate. COOK was renominated because PRANNO's case is still pending before him. Because of this it appears PRANNO will not now back [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] got into an argument the other day with one [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] is presently working on the [redacted] project. b6 b7C

[redacted] used to operate a taxi company in Stone Park.

JIMMY PRANNO has an office downstairs at D'Ors. It is southwest of the stairs as you go into the basement. It is about 8' by 8'. It has a file cabinet with a push-in type lock and various bookkeeping ledgers were observed. There is a telephone there but there is not a number on the dial. It is the type telephone that has about four push buttons on it. There are no windows to the basement. There is some sort of light, possibly a warning light over the inside of the office door.

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[redacted] office at [redacted] b6
[redacted] Illinois (address directory also lists following b7C
at that address: [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted] is [redacted]
[redacted] of the DuPage Building and Construction Trades Council. [redacted] is frequently seen with [redacted] and appears to be friendly also with JIMMY PRANNO and [redacted] has a home in [redacted] Illinois, located near a lake on which he has a boat. [redacted] is about [redacted] years of age, ruddy complexion, 5'8"-5'10", 165 to 170 pounds, well-dressed, wears small hat and smokes cigars; gives impression of a con artist. He has also been observed to hang around the Village Grill. He drives a tan or biege 1963 Chrysler four-door. He was first observed about two months ago.

He has observed that JIMMY PRANNO seems to transact most of his business, that is, contacts with others besides club customers, during the day. PRANNO arrives at D'Ors usually about 11:30 AM, leaves at 5:00 PM, and returns about 10:30 or 11:00 PM. [redacted] (phonetic) is PRANNO's b6
bookkeeper. b7C

PRANNO gave the trustees $100 each for the street deal and they are to receive more later. Four of the trustees have purchased new cars, however, they are buying on the 36 month pay plan in order not to attract undue attention. They mayor of Stone Park has two new cars. They mayor owns the Lombard Window Company in Lombard, Illinois.

The word was passed last night that [redacted] b6
and others planned to set-up a Stone Park Policeman for a b7C
pay-off. This is unlikely as they find out what goes on at these meetings five minutes after they are over.

Chief SIGNARELLO does not yet know that PRANNO plans to make [redacted] the new [redacted] when [redacted] leaves.

He has heard the appropriation for the Stone Park Police Department payroll is $40,000. Figuring the salaries for all the men on the force he cannot account for more than $27,000 or $28,000 at the most.

JIMMY PRANNO says he has $50,000 invested in D'Ors. The Manor Lounge does more business than D'Ors as it has a large clientele of juveniles. The Police Department has been trying to keep the juveniles out recently, however, as they are still kind of waiting to see what the Sheriff's police are going to do.

20 Seized In Gaming Raid

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Hit Tavern In Stone Park

Twenty persons were seized Saturday by sheriff's deputies in a gambling raid on the Manor Lounge, 4003 Lake, Stone Park.

Richard Cain, chief investigator for Sheriff Richard B. Ogilvie, said the game was operated by Rocco Pranno, syndicate gambler. Pranno was not present.

Cain said he had lifted the saloon's license from the wall to examine it when he noticed it covered a screened, peephole window. Looking through the window, he said, he spotted a dice game in progress.

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SHERIFF OGILVIE had warned late Friday that his men would be on the raiding warpath for the second week in a row. More than 150 arrests were made last weekend.

Among those seized in the Manor Lounge were Harold Dockery, 26, who gave his address as 1741 Mannheim, Stone Park, identified as the manager; two bartenders who identified themselves as Eugene Maletta, 32, of 1914 S. 16th, Broadview, and Ben Conrad, 3607 Madison, Bellwood, and a dice girl, Joan Caruso, 21, who gave her address as 805 Erie, Oak Park.

Poker chips, $4,000, dice, playing cards and pictures of nudes that decorated the walls of the gambling room were confiscated.

Cain said that before the reinforced steel doors to the gaming room could be battered down, one of the patrons tried to sneak out a doorway to the tavern kitchen.

Dockery was to be charged with being the keeper of a gambling house, while the others were to be charged with gambling.

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Sheriff's Police Nab 19 Gamblers in Stone Park

Sheriff's police arrested 18 men and 1 woman today in a gambling raid on the Manor lounge, 4003 Lake st., Stone Park.

The place reportedly is owned by Rocco Pranno, 45, an ex-convict and crime syndicate gambling boss, according to Chief Arthur Bilek of the sheriff's police. It was the fourth major raid on syndicate joints in northwest suburbs since Richard B. Ogilvie was sworn in as sheriff Dec. 3.

A 26 girl continued to operate her game while card players in a game room were being routed, Bilek said.

Richard Cain, Ogilvie's chief investigator, and Lt. Richard Lowthrop of the Milwaukee avenue sheriff's police, went to question the manager after receiving information that Pranno owns the place. While in the manager's office, Cain noticed a small screen in the wall.

Sees Card Game

He peered thru it and saw a card game and a dice game going on in a rear room, the investigator said. He shouted: "It's a raid!"

Meanwhile, five deputies ran around the outside of the night club to a steel door at the rear. They began pounding on it, startling the persons in the game room.

Cain and Lowthrop then stood outside the only other door leading from the room. The manager, Harold Dockery, 26, of 1741 Mannheim rd., Stone Park, unlocked it, and the two policemen entered to make the arrests, Bilek said.

Line Up Players

While Cain and Lowthrop were lining up the card players and others in the place, Joan Caruso, 21, of 805 Erie st., Oak Park, continued to run a 26-game, Bilek said.

Bilek said Dockery and two bartenders—Ben Conrad, 28, of 3607 Madison st., Bellwood, and Eugene Maletta, 32, of 1914 S. 16th av., Broadview — will be charged with being keepers of a gambling house. Miss Caruso is to be charged with operating a gambling device, and the others will be booked as patrons, Bilek said.

Other recent raids by the sheriff's police were conducted at the Casa Madrid at Lake street and 25th avenue in Melrose Park, the Wagon Wheel in an unincorporated area northwest of the city, and the Thunderbird motel in Rosemont.

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Sheriff's Men Arrest 19 In Suburb Raid

A young woman stood by operating a 26 dice game as 12 sheriff's policemen rounded up 18 men in a Stone Park gambling raid early Saturday.

Arthur J. Bilek, chief of the sheriff's highway police, said the woman, Joan Caruso, 21, of 805 Erie, Oak Park, seemed unconcerned as his men blocked off exits and lined up patrons and bartenders. She also was arrested.

Bilek said Richard Cain, chief investigator for Sheriff Richard B. Ogilvie, and Lt. Richard Lowthorp of the Milwaukee Av. district led the raid on the Manor Lounge, 4903 Lake, Stone Park.

Acting on information that gambling was going on there, Cain, Lowthorp and 10 policemen entered the lounge, Bilek said. While examining patrons' indentification cards for proof of age, Cain said he spotted several card players behind a screen in front of the manager's office.

Men were dispatched to all exits and Cain announced the raid. Sets of dice, poker chips and cards were confiscated, he said.

All 18 men and Miss Caruso were taken to the Milwaukee Av. Station and booked to appear in Milwaukee Av. Sheriff's Police Court Friday.

Those charged with being keepers of a gambling house and the addresses they gave were: Harold Dockery, 26, of 1741 Mannheim Rd., Stone Park, the manager; Ben Conrad, 28, of 3607 Madison, Bellwood, a carpenter; and Eugene Maletta, 32, of 1914 S. 16th Av., Broadview. Miss Caruso was charged with operating a gambling device.

This was the fourth major raid made by sheriff's police since Ogilvie took office Dec. 3.

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HOOD'S GAMING HOUSE RAIDED; 19 ARE NABBED

Sheriff's police broke up a poker game in the Manor lounge, 4003 Lake st., Stone Park, operated by Rocco Prannno, a crime syndicate hoodlum, yesterday arresting 19 persons and confiscated $4,000.

Harold Dockery, 26, of 1741 Mannheim rd., Stone Park; Ben Conrad, 28, of 3607 Madison st., Bellwood, and Eugene Maletta, 32, of 1914 S. 16th av., Broadview, were charged with keeping a gambling house, and Miss Joan Caruso, 21, of 805 Erie st., Oak Park, was charged with operating a gambling device. The other 15 persons arrested were charged as inmates. 2-7-5

Seven persons were arrested in a raid by sheriff's police at 15304 Vincennes av., Phoenix. All will appear Jan. 10 in Homewood sheriff's police court, on charges of gambling or disorderly conduct.

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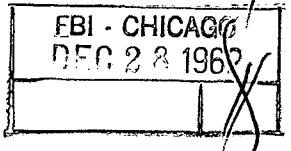

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ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka	AUGUST C. KEMPFF	ljf
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REFERENCE: Report of SA AUGUST C. KEMPFF dated 11/22/62 at Chicago.

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CG T-1 is PCI [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on 11/5/62, 11/26/62 and 12/6/62.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA AUGUST C. KEMPFF Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: 1/9/63

Field Office File No.: 92-924 Bureau File No.: 92-5806

Title: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject free on bond pending appeal of 10 day jail sentence. Secretary of State prosecuting subject for falsehood on driver's license application. SUBJECT IS TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS INASMUCH AS HE HAS BEEN OBSERVED WITH A BLACKJACK IN HIS POSSESSION.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Associates

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] who is part-owner of [redacted] is an associate of "TEETS" BATTAGLIA and the subject. [redacted] has been known to meet with PRANNO at D'Ors on Mannheim Road in Stone Park. b6 b7C

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] an attorney, is an associate of the subject and has been known to meet with him in D'Ors on Mannheim Road. [redacted] handles accident cases and it is presumed that PRANNO uses his influence to send business this way.

Arrest Record

A "Chicago American" article dated November 30, 1962, advises that Judge AUGUST TALDEO in Melrose Park Police Court on November 30, 1962, adjourned the assault charges against [redacted] and ROCCO PRANNO to December 28, 1962.

On December 28, 1962, [redacted] for Secretary of State CARPENTIER advised that the article by ROBERT WIEDRICH in the "Chicago Tribune" had been furnished by himself and was absolutely correct.

A "Chicago Tribune" article dated December 28, 1962, captioned "State to Ask Hoods Arrest For Perjury" is set forth as follows:

"The arrest of Rocco Pranno, Kane county crime syndicate gambling boss, for lying twice in applying for driver licenses will be requested today by Secretary of State Charles F. Carpentier.

"Evidence gathered against the hoodlum by state investigators in a two-month probe will be turned over this morning to the state's attorney's office by [redacted] Carpentier's [redacted]

[redacted] who headed a team of three Carpentier detectives working on the

Pranno case, called the driving record of the ex-convict hoodlum boss one of the most fantastic compiled in state files.

"Faces Jail Term

"If convicted of perjuring himself and falsifying a state document, the 45-year-old gambling chief and political boss of west suburban Stone Park could be imprisoned for one to 14 years and fined up to $1,000.

"Pranno is free on bond while appealing a conviction in Maywood for driving with a revoked license.

"He also is out on bond pending trial for an assault Oct. 15 on [redacted] who charged that Pranno beat and kicked him in a quarrel on Stone Park politics. b6 b7C

"[redacted] said that Pranno had been able to escape detection while driving with fraudulent licenses by the use of a variety of spellings of his name.

[redacted] said that the hoodlum had used the names of Robert Prano, Robert C. Prano, Robert C. Pranno, and Rocco Prano in applications for driver licenses and state license plates.

"The ex-convict, who served four and a half years for armed robbery in the Joliet and Pontiac state prisons, also used a variety of addresses, the investigators said.

"3 Different Addresses

"One was a tavern at 1029 St. Charles rd., Elgin. Another was a vacant lot at 157 N. 20th av., Melrose Park, across the street from the home of a relative. A third was 1166 N. Beverly st., Arlington Heights.

"On Feb. 16, 1955, Pranno applied for a driver license, which was issued Feb. 25, 1955. On April 15, 1957, the secretary of state's office revoked the license because of five moving violations, including speeding, running red

lights, driving too fast for conditions, and an accident.

"Seeks Renewal in 1958

"On April 18, 1958, a year after the revocation, Pranno made application for renewal of the license. Because of what Carpentier called a fluke in records keeping, a license renewal was issued. On May 9, 1958, however, the error was discovered and the license renewal was canceled.

"However, Pranno never surrendered the license and state investigators dispatched to pick it up could not find the hoodlum, Ferri said.

"Last Jan. 3 he again applied for renewal of the 1958 license which had been canceled. No renewal was issued.

"In checking Pranno's application, after information was given to the state by THE TRIBUNE, investigators found that Pranno had perjured himself twice when, in 1958 and 1962, he answered 'no' to a question on the applications asking if his driver license ever had been suspended, canceled, or revoked, Ferri said.

"In the Chicago office of the secretary of state, the hoodlum's files are kept under the name of Rocco Pranno. In Springfield, the file is under the name of Robert C. Pranno.

"Many Accidents, Violations

"Starting in 1952, the files show accidents that year, in 1953, and in 1955. They also show the five violations between 1955 and 1957.

"But there are other violations recorded. They include a speeding arrest Nov. 26, 1955, in Elmhurst; another arrest for speeding there on Jan. 26, 1957; speeding in Northlake Jan. 27, 1958; speeding in Bellwood Jan. 6, 1959; and speeding in Des Plaines Sept. 28, 1959.

"Others are speeding in Roselle Feb. 6, 1960; speeding in Bellwood Jan. 17, 1961; speeding in River Forest March 3, 1961; and speeding in Bellwood Nov. 29, 1961.

"When he again was arrested for speeding in Maywood last May and convicted of driving with a revoked license Sept. 22, he was fined $100 and sentenced to 10 days in the Bridewell. He is free in $2,500 bond pending an appeal."

Miscellaneous

CG T-1 advised that JIMMY PRANNO is painting his car Cadillac bronze on the bottom and Corvette tan on the top, and has a second car which is a black 1956 Super Buick, 4-door hardtop with dealer plates. He has also been seen driving a 1959 Chrysler New Yorker, which is a loan from Morgano Motors.

CG T-1 advised that PRANNO is going to start a taxi company in Stone Park, [redacted] will manage this business for PRANNO. The cars to be used as taxi cabs are being purchased from Morgano Motors.

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CG T-1 advised that PRANNO has an office downstairs at D'Ors and generally arrives there at approximately 11:30 a.m. and leaves about 5:00 p.m. He makes an appearance again at approximately 10:30 p.m. or 11:00 p.m.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Chicago 5, Illinois
January 9, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **92-924**

Title **ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **is made to report of Special Agent August C. Kempff dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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January 9, 1963

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO,
Also Known As
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Characterization of Informant

CG T-1 is an individual who is familiar with the residents and activities in Stone Park, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **1/31/63**

FROM : SA [redacted]

[ ] CI [ ] SI

[X] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact
1/8/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO; AR	**92-924**
Criminal Intelligence Program	**92-466**

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

See attached.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last ~~contact~~.

Personal Data

Rating
Very Good

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On January 8, 1963, furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

Last month "JIMMY" PRANNO asked (last name unknown) the at D'Ors, to PRANNO's made

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The The name Mid-Central Sewer and Water Main Company, Inc., (no address) was typed in While in office, noted a list of officers of this corporation, however the only name he can recall is who is the The name (LNU) is also believed to have been on this list. office is in the same building as enter-tainment agency, does not know PRANNO's connection with Mid-Central but observed some sewer work has been started in connection with the local street paving project. PRANNO told

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Stone Park Police Department, recently remarked to in discussion as to why "JIMMY" PRANNO should be upset about MANNY SKAR's recent difficulty with the Sheriff's Police, that might be surprised as to what PRANNO has to do with MANNY SKAR. There was no further elaboration on this matter. the Shell Gasoline Station at Lake and Mannheim and the new cab company may operate from there.

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LARRY SPATA, bondsman for "JIMMY" PRANNO, bonded out individuals arrested in recent gambling raid at Manor Lounge. SPATA mentioned to [redacted] that he had also put up bond for some of PRANNO's girls from the club in LaGrange. [redacted] interpreted this as meaning PRANNO has a club in LaGrange, however, he does not have any additional information to that effect. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] at D'Ors, recently remarked that "JIMMY" PRANNO is still"up at the office". b6 b7C

PRANNO has [redacted] looking for [redacted] and wants [redacted] brought to him (PRANNO) first before turning him over to police on warrant that has been issued. [redacted] carries the warrant. It is believed to be issued on a bad check charge.

PRANNO is mad at Judge COOK for disqualifying himself in PRANNO's case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] b7D

DATE: **1/31/63**

FROM : SA **LENARD A. WOLF**

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact **1/23/63**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO PRANNO, aka; AR	**92-924**

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

The CI furnished information which is being set out in a separate memorandum.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating **Excellent**

Coverage **Same**

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[redacted] on 1/23/63, furnished the following information to SA LENARD A. WOLF: b7D

He stated that last week he was in Diors Night Club on Mannheim Road in Stone Park, Illinois, with [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] While they were there ROCCO PRANNO, whom the CI stated was commonly called "ROSS", came in and talked to [redacted] When he left, [redacted] told the CI that PRANNO owns "Diors".

The CI stated about a week prior to 1/16/63, two Stone Park policeman had caught [redacted] driving her car while intoxicated. The men escorted her home and put her to bed. On 1/16/63, the [redacted] was at [redacted] home to try and get some money from her. He mentioned that [redacted] of the Cook County Sheriff's Office would undoubtedly like to hear about [redacted]s driving while intoxicated inasmuch as he has a case pending in which [redacted] has been charged with driving while her license is revoked. [redacted] told the Chief she did not have any money and would have to see him later. b6 b7C

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Memorandum

CHICAGO [redacted]

1-31-63

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE:

FROM : SA [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 1-23-63

Titles and File No. on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	92-924
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM	92-4666

Purpose and results of contact

[X] Negative
[ ] Positive

See attached memo.

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On 11/23/63 [redacted] furnished the following information: [redacted] of the sheriff's police has 5 cars watching "Jimmy" PRANNO attempting to catch him driving. The sheriffs cars move as soon as they are spotted. The Stone Park PD advises PRANNO as soon as the sheriffs cars are spotted.

[redacted] with PRANNO two or three times a week at D'Ors and it appears he is very well liked by PRANNO.

[redacted] was fired by "Jimmy" PRANNO [redacted] has a girl fronting for him in a night club on [redacted] in DuPage County. [redacted] tried to hire the band away from [redacted] Manor Lounge on Tuesday, PRANNO heard about it and fired [redacted]

[redacted] has girl trouble, he has a girl in the Eldorado.

It is rumored [redacted] is in Las Vegas.

"Jimmy" PRANNO has man, age about [redacted] Ht. 5'10", weight 180 driving him some times. This individual also drives [redacted] orange colored pick-up truck.

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"Jimmy" PRANNO went to the SAHARA INN about a weeks or two ago with [redacted] PRANNO later indicated he had talked with MANNY SKAR and that PRANNO does not think SKAR'S recent arrest will "stick".

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Stone Park Fight Case Dismissed

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BY JACK WILLNER

Assault and battery charges against a syndicate gambling boss and a Stone Park school teacher who slugged it out with him were dismissed Friday.

Police Magistrate August C. Taddeo, in Melrose Park, discharged both Pranno, 45, and the teacher, Jessie L. Hight, 43, after lecturing:

"You are both acting like school boys instead of grown men."

Each brought charges against the other after a fist fight Oct. 15, following a Kiwanis meeting in Stone Park.

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HIGHT of 1741 N. 40th Av., Stone Park, testified the fight started when he blamed Pranno for failure of a street program, and Pranno threatened "to kill me."

Pranno,[6] questioned by Hight's lawyer, Robert Cronin, testified he was "shocked" when Hight fought with him and added, "The schoolteacher is putting on a bad example for the schoolchildren."

Pranno said he fought in self-defense.

He gave his address in court as 1742 Blue St., Highland Park. Authorities said, however, there is no such location, and Pranno has been living for the last year and a half at 1608 N. 39th St., Stone Park.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [redacted] DATE: 2/12/63 b7D

FROM : SA [redacted] ☐ CI ☐ SI b6 b7C

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact

1/28, 30/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	92-924
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM	92-466

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

See Attached.

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On January 28, 1963, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

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"U.S. Government liquormen" were at D'Ors recently and went over all liquor receipts.

"JIMMY" PRANNO has asked [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On January 30, 1963, [redacted] furnished the following information:

"JIMMY" PRANNO told him that the FBI had talked to [redacted] (LNU). [redacted] called PRANNO at D'Ors and PRANNO tried to get her to come to the club but she would not do it as she was scared. [redacted] now works at [redacted] She used to work at [redacted] She drives a 1958 Chevrolet and lives in either [redacted] b6 b7C

Last night he was talking to PRANNO at D'Ors and PRANNO remarked he (PRANNO) would have to go out and work to try to keep the place going and he might close in 90 days if he cannot make out. PRANNO also remarked he had been "down at the office" and "they" said gambling would be off for a while because there was too much "heat".

PRANNO has been talking of getting a new car because his present car has been spotted. PRANNO has taken to driving on side streets when leaving the club and drives himself sometimes.

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] is to be the [redacted] of Stone Park Police Department if [redacted] runs for office of Judge. Chief SIGNORELLA does not yet know this. "JIMMY" PRANNO is "gassed" at Chief SIGNORELLA and says SIGNORELLA does not know how to handle the department. SIGNORELLA said PRANNO could have the job any time he wanted it. b6 b7C

Sometime between Christmas and New Years "JIMMY" PRANNO sent [redacted] and an unidentified man to Aurora to pick up some money. No further details known. b6 b7C

The current issue of "The Guide", a Chicago directory of night clubs and entertainment places, carries a picture of [redacted] who works at D'Ors and also has a picture of the interior of D'Ors. The publisher of The Guide is believed to be friendly with PRANNO. [redacted] has a house in [redacted]

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19 ARE FREED IN STONE PARK GAMING RAID

Nineteen persons arrested by sheriff's police in a gambling raid on the Manor lounge, 4003 Lake st., Stone Park on Dec. 22 were freed of charges Friday by James J. Cullen, Des Plaines justice of the peace.

Sidney Friedman, attorney for the defendants, argued that the raid on the club, operated by Rocco Pranno, was illegal because the raiders possessed no warrant. Cullen sustained Friedman's motion and the cases were dismissed.

Harold Dockery, 26, of 1741 Mannheim rd., Stone Park; Ben Conrad, 28, of 3607 Madison st., Bellwood, and Eugene Maletta, 32, of 1914 S. 16th av., Broadview, had been charged with being keepers of a gambling house. The other 16 had been charged as being patrons.

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ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO,
Also Known As "Ross"
ANTI-RACKETEERING

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who is familiar with the residents and activities in Stone Park, Illinois.

Chicago T-2 is an individual acquainted with ROCCO PRANNO and familiar with some of the activities in Stone Park, Illinois.

Chicago T-3 is an individual familiar with the operations of the Key Lounge, Stone Park, Illinois, during period late 1960 to early 1961.

Chicago T-4 is an individual familiar with the operations of the Key Lounge, Stone Park, Illinois, to a limited degree during period late 1960 to early 1961.

Chicago T-5 is an individual acquainted with the operations of the Key Lounge, Stone Park, Illinois, during period 1960 to 1961 and of the operation of D'Ors during limited period in 1962.

Chicago T-6 is an individual acquainted with some of the individuals associated with the Chicago criminal element and their activities.

Chicago T-7 is an individual familiar with the activities of some of the residents of Stone Park, Illinois, and with certain aspects of the criminal element.

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Chicago T-8 is an individual familiar with the residents and activities in Stone Park, Illinois.

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CHANGED ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka "Ross"	WILLIAM L. BAILEY	kmh

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Title marked changed to include the additional alias "ROSS" which name subject PRANNO is reportedly commonly called.

REFERENCE: Report of SA AUGUST C. KEMPFF dated 1/9/63 at Chicago.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Information obtained from the records of [redacted] on February 15, 1963, as set forth in the details of this report was furnished by [redacted] receptionist. b6 b7C b7D

It is noted that to further conceal the identity of PCI [redacted] a very close associate of the subject, three separate T symbols are being utilized in this report. b6 b7C b7D

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Informant	Date of contact	Contacting Agents
CG T-1 PCI [redacted]	1/23/63	SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
CG T-2 PCI [redacted]	2/7/63	SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL
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Informant	Date of contact	Contacting Agents
CG T-5 [redacted] (Requested identity not be disclosed)	2/8 and 2/12/63	SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL
CG T-6 [redacted]	1/23/63	SA LENARD A. WOLF
CG T-7 PCI [redacted]	1/28 and 1/30/63	SA [redacted]
CG T-8 PCI [redacted]	1/8/63	SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA WILLIAM L. BAILEY Office: Chicago
Date: 3/5/63

Field Office File #: 92-924 Bureau File #: 92-5806

Title: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside 1608 North 39th Street, Stone Park, Illinois, where he also continues to operate D'Ors Supper Club located 1741 North Mannheim Road. PRANNO remains free on bond pending appeal of ten day jail sentence received as a result of driving with improper license. Local authorities contemplate presenting additional facts to Cook County Grand Jury in an attempt to indict subject on a felony charge for driving with revoked license and falsifying drivers license application. [redacted] interviewed and furnished general information concerning subject's activities during 1960-61. Subject reportedly closely associated with [redacted] Company. In 1/63 subject was in possession of checks drawn on the Mid-Central Sewer and Water Main Company, Inc. account at the Bank of Bellwood, Illinois. SUBJECT IS TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS INASMUCH AS HE HAS BEEN OBSERVED WITH A BLACKJACK IN HIS POSSESSION.

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DETAILS:

Personal History and Background

In January, 1963, CG T-1 advised that ROCCO PRANNO continues to reside at 1608 North 39th Street, Stone Park, and to operate D'Ors Supper Club at 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park.

CG T-1 advised that as of January 23, 1963, PRANNO was driving a 1962 Oldsmobile, two-door hardtop, Super 88, solid blue in color, which bore 1962 Illinois license LT 2237.

Criminal Record

On January 23, 1963, [redacted] Secretary of States Office, Motor Vehicle Investigation Division, 5301 West Lexington Street, Chicago, advised ROCCO PRANNO has remained free on bond pending the ten day jail sentence he had received as a result of driving his automobile with improper driver's license. He related that he was recently in contact with Miss [redacted] Clerk of the Village Court, Maywood, Illinois, who advised him that an appeal of PRANNO's conviction had been made and that no decision had been rendered with respect to the appeal as of January 15, 1963. b6 b7C

[redacted] further advised that his office has been in the process of preparing evidence for presentation to the Cook County Grand Jury where his office is alleging that ROCCO PRANNO has been driving an automobile with revoked driver's license and has falsified driver's license application in obtaining his present driver's license. He advised that he contemplates that the facts in this matter will be presented to the Cook County Grand Jury within the next month, and that if a true bill is rendered, PRANNO will be charged in the indictment with a felony which carries a sentence of one to 14 years. He advised that Assistant States Attorney for Cook County [redacted] is handling this matter.

The "Chicago Sunday Tribune" on February 10, 1963, carried an article captioned "19 Are Freed in Stone Park Gaming Raid," which revealed that 19 persons had been arrested by the sheriff's police in a gaming raid on the Manor Lounge, 4003 Lake Street, Stone Park, on December 22, 1962, and that the 19 persons arrested were freed of charges by Justice of the Peace JAMES J. CULLEN, Des Plaines, Illinois. The article indicated that the Manor Lounge was operated by ROCCO PRANNO, and that the attorney for the persons arrested had argued that the raid on the club was illegal because the raiders possessed no warrant. The Justice of the Peace upheld the attorney's argument.

On February 8, 1963, the "Chicago Daily News," carried an article on page five entitled "Stone Park Fight Case Dismissed." This article disclosed that assault and battery charges brought by [redacted] against ROCCO PRANNO, "a syndicate gambling boss" were dismissed on February 8, 1963, by Police Magistrate AUGUST C. TADDEO in [redacted] Illinois. The article indicated that [redacted] and PRANNO brought charges against each other after a fist fight October 15, 1962, following a Kiwanis meeting in Stone Park.

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[redacted] testified the fight started when he blamed PRANNO for failure of a street program and stated PRANNO threatened [redacted]

PRANNO testified he was "shocked" when [redacted] fought him and added, "The [redacted] is putting on a bad example for [redacted] children."

PRANNO gave his address as 1742 Blue Street, Highland Park, Illinois, however, authorities said there is no such location and PRANNO has been living for the last year and a half at 1608 North 39th Street, Stone Park, Illinois.

Legitimate Enterprises

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CG T-2 furnished the following information in February, 1963:

From early 1960 to August, 1962, ROCCO PRANNO, known as JIM MARTEL, was active in the operation of the Key Lounge and subsequently D'Ors, located at 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois. PRANNO continues to operate D'Ors, located at this address. The Key Lounge, during its early operation as a key club, served as a gathering place for persons believed to be part of the Chicago criminal element. PRANNO operates his restaurant under the corporate name of Hat and Cane, Inc. The books for his business are kept by [redacted] a [redacted] and he is also closely acquainted with [redacted] who operates a [redacted] business. b6 b7C

It is not known whether or not PRANNO actually has a business interest in the sewer construction business owned by [redacted] but it appears [redacted] discusses his business problems with PRANNO and PRANNO seems to have an interest concerning [redacted] operations.

PRANNO's [redacted] until December, 1962, was [redacted] who has suddenly departed from the premises of D'Ors and it is believed he is in trouble with PRANNO. [redacted] present whereabouts are unknown, and it has been rumored that PRANNO is looking for him, because he, [redacted]

PRANNO works very hard to make his business seem legitimate. In the past it was well known that PRANNO operated all of his gambling operations at the Diamond Lounge. Early in 1960, it was a gambling spot, but was subsequently closed. PRANNO has a [redacted] on the police force, [redacted]

PRANNO employs a tall blonde, [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), as [redacted] at D'Ors and [redacted] is also a girl friend. [redacted] is married and has one child, however, it isbelieved she is separated from her husband.

PRANNO is a ladies man and takes great pride in the fact that he "gets any woman he wants." He is known as a vicious man and would not hesitate in starting a fight.

[redacted] was known as one of PRANNO's partners when he obtained the Key Lounge, however, shortly after opening, PRANNO decided to form a corporation in order to keep his name off the ownership papers. As a result, PRANNO suggested that [redacted] be used as [redacted] of the Corporation, [redacted] and [redacted] be made [redacted]

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In January, 1963, CG T-3 advised that employees of the Key Lounge, 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois, during the period October, 1960, to March, 1961, were informed that their employer should always be introduced as JIM MARTEL, however, the employees were aware that ROCCO PRANNO was the actual owner and operator of the Key Lounge. Further, the waitresses at the Key Lounge were aware that if they stepped out of line PRANNO would "beat the hell out of them." PRANNO never asked any of the waitresses to work as prostitutes, but it was common knowledge that PRANNO thought he should have any waitress that he desired. On one occasion in March, 1961, PRANNO kicked slapped, and pulled the hair of a waitress because she would not submit to his desires and the waitress was immediately terminated from employment.

During the period from October, 1960, to March, 1961, PRANNO seemed to be closely associated with [redacted] b6 b7C the operator of a [redacted] company and with [redacted] (LNU), who supposedly operated a plumbing business in Maywood, Illinois. PRANNO's right-hand man was an individual by the name of [redacted] who according to rumor dipped in the till at D'Ors, the present name of PRANNO's restaurant, and [redacted] supposedly has [redacted] children and has gone to [redacted] Nevada. [redacted] acted as PRANNO's right-hand man.

During late 1960, [redacted] was in partnership b6 with PRANNO, but subsequently sold his interest in the Key b7C Lounge. [redacted] was [redacted] and acted as [redacted] of the Key Lounge. [redacted] also signed checks which were paid to waitresses and which checks were drawn on the Broadway Bank of Melrose Park, Illinois.

In January, 1963, CG T-4 advised that during the late fall of 1960, and early 1961, ROCCO PRANNO, also known as JIM MARTEL, operated the Key Lounge at 1741 North Mannheim Road. She advised that this same building at the present time is the location of D'Ors, which PRANNO also operates. She advised that in early 1962, due to a

gambling operation which PRANNO was running in the basement of the Key Lounge, and in the adjoining building, the Diamond Lounge, he found it necessary to change the name from the Key Lounge to D'Ors. Employees working for PRANNO were paid by checks drawn on the Hat and Cane Corporation, with an account in the Broadway Bank of Melrose Park. The checks were made out by [redacted] a [redacted] and were signed by [redacted] was employed as PRANNO's [redacted] and is a close associate of [redacted] an operator of a [redacted]. PRANNO also owned the Manor Lounge located on Lake Street in Stone Park about one mile from the Key Lounge, where it was rumored that gambling was prevailing. b6 b7C

CG T-4 advised that reportedly, employees of the Key Lounge who were terminated and who attempted to obtain unemployment compensation through the State of Illinois had been turned down as PRANNO had failed to make the necessary contributions to the State Unemployment Fund as required.

On February 5, 1963, SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL contacted [redacted] at [redacted] Illinois, at which time she admitted that she is [redacted] Illinois. She stated, however, that she "did not want to talk about [redacted]" and advised that she contemplates [redacted] December, 1962, and is unaware of [redacted] She stated that she was not familiar with [redacted] for PRANNO and believed it would be in her "best interest not to say anything about him." She stated that should she desire to talk about [redacted] in the future, she would contact the FBI. b6 b7C

CG T-5 advised in February, 1963, that during late 1960, and early 1961, JIM MARTEL, whose true name is ROCCO PRANNO operated the Key Lounge. The Key Lounge has since changed its name and is now operating under the name D'Ors. At the time PRANNO opened the Key Lounge [redacted] an employee of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, handled employment problems. The Key Lounge was operated by the corporation Hat and Cane, Inc., and PRANNO was not regarded as one of the officers of this corporation. PRANNO's partner at the time he opened the Key Lounge was [redacted] known as [redacted] subsequently sold out his share to PRANNO. PRANNO is known as a high tempered individual and on one occasion is alleged to have beat a [redacted] "to a pulp." PRANNO also is alleged to have slapped and kicked a [redacted] whose name is [redacted]

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CG T-5 further advised that PRANNO is a close associate of [redacted] visits PRANNO's restaurant frequently. PRANNO's [redacted] is [redacted] at D'Ors and was recently observed to be running the place. [redacted] of PRANNO's, [redacted] is believed to be residing or working at [redacted] Florida. PRANNO seems to have friends in both the Stone Park and North Lake, Illinois Police Department, and Sergeant [redacted] of the Stone Park Police is a frequent patron of PRANNO's establishment.

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PRANNO did not request waitresses to become prostitutes, but did indicate to some of his male companions that he could arrange a girl friend for them if desired. However, CG T-5 had no direct knowledge of this type of arrangement. During a recent visit to D'Ors, CG T-5 determined that the DALE Sisters, a singing trio, had been booked in as the live entertainment.

In January, 1963, Chicago T-5 advised that ROCCO PRANNO, commonly called "ROSS" was operating D'Ors on Mannheim Road in Stone Park.

Associates

CG T-1 advised that [redacted], an associate of PRANNO has a girl in trouble and also has a girl in the Eldorado Motel. b6 b7C

On About 27, 1961, the Chicago Police Department Intelligence Unit observed an automobile registered to [redacted] (1961 white Chevrolet) parked in the vicinity of St. Lukes Church, 528 West Lathrope, River Forest, Illinois, where the wedding of Chicago hoodlum [redacted] was being held. According to the records of the Chicago Police Department, this car was previously observed at the Key Lounge in Stone Park, Illinois, which lounge was owned by ROCCO PRANNO.

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Date 2/28/63

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The records of [redacted] disclosed the following information: b7D

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On January 25, 1962, [redacted] acknowledged that he is [redacted] and declined further information regarding inquiries to the [redacted] Public records disclose that on January 29, 1963, a judgment in the amount of $943 was entered against [redacted] Sewer and Water Main Company by [redacted] in the Municipal Court of Chicago number 63M102816. b6 b7C

The company operates as a sewer constructor and water main construction company, sells to municipalities, subdivisions, and other private parties and has completed work in the village of Northlake, Village of Plainfield, Village of Schiller Park, and other Chicago area subdivisions.

The above information can be obtained only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which if issued, should be directed to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 2/15/63 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-924

by IC FRANCIS G. KAHL/pma Date dictated 2/21/63

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Miscellaneous

In January , 1963, CG T-7 advised that [redacted] of the Cook County Sheriff's Police has five cars watching "JIMMY" PRANNO attempting to catch him driving an automobile with revoked driver's license. The Stone Park Police Department advises PRANNO as soon as the Sheriff's cars are spotted. PRANNO recently fired [redacted] not believed related to the now deceased notorious AL CAPONE, who has a girl friend fronting for him in a night club on [redacted] County. [redacted] tried to employ the band away from the Manor Lounge and PRANNO fired [redacted] when he heard about it. PRANNO went to the Sahara Motel with [redacted] (LNU) recently and indicated he had talked with MANNY SKAR, a reported Chicago area hoodlum, and PRANNO has stated that he does not think SKAR's recent arrest will stick. b6 b7C

CG T-7 advised that it is rumored that [redacted] is in [redacted] PRANNO has a male, about [redacted] 5'10", 180 pounds, driving him sometime. This individual also drives [redacted] orange colored pickup truck.

CG T-7 advised that in January, 1963, PRANNO was in possession of [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-7 advised that PRANNO had indicated during January, 1963, that he (PRANNO) would have to go out and work to try to keep the place going and he might close D'Ors in 90 days if he could not make out. PRANNO also remarked that he had been "down at the office" and "they" said gambling would be off for a while because there was too much "heat."

CG T-7 advised that PRANNO has taken to driving on side streets when leaving D'Ors and has talked of getting a new car because his present car has been spotted.

CG T-8 advised in January, 1963, that sometime between Christmas and New Year (January 1, 1963) PRANNO sent [redacted] on the Stone Park, Illinois Police Department and an unidentified man to Aurora, Illinois, to pick up some money. No further details are known to this informant. b6 b7C

CG T-8 advised in January, 1963, that in early January, 1963, PRANNO had in his possession [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] One of the officers of the Mid-Central Sewer and Water Main Company, Inc. is believed to be [redacted] who is the [redacted] PRANNO's connection with Mid-Central is unknown by informant but some sewer work has been started in connection with the local street paving job in Stone Park.

CG T-8 advised that [redacted] allegedly operates an entertainment agency at 1667 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, which building also houses the office of [redacted] PRANNO's [redacted] b6 b7C

CG T-8 advised that LARRY SPALLA, bondsman for PRANNO furnished the bond for individuals arrested in a resent gambling raid at the Manor Lounge. SPALLA indicated that he had also put up bond for some of PRANNO's girls from the club in LaGrange. CG T-8 [illegible]ated

interpreted this as meaning PRANNO has a club in LaGrange; however, he does not have any additional information to that effect.

CG T-8 related that PRANNO reportedly has [redacted] of the Stone Park Police looking for [redacted] PRANNO's [redacted] and wants [redacted] brought to him before [redacted] turns him over to police on a warrant that has been issued. [redacted] carries the warrant which is believed to be issued on a bad check charge. b6 b7C

CG T-8 advised that he learned recently that "one might be surprised as to what PRANNO has to do with MANNY SKAR," a Chicago hoodlum who operates Manny Skar's Sahara Motel, near O'Hare Field, Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 92-924

Chicago, Illinois
March 5, 1963

Title ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent William L. Bailey dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Chicago T-3, Chicago T-4 and Chicago T-5 with whom contact has been insufficient to establish reliability.

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Date February 6, 1963

[redacted], was advised that she did not have to make any statement and any statement that she would make could be used against her in court. She was advised of her right to consult an attorney. She furnished the following information:

[redacted] an individual who she knows to be ROCCO PRANNO, however, she said this individual was introduced to her as JIM MARTEL. She advised that while [redacted] and is unaware that any of the waitresses at the Key Lounge were actually prostitutes. She stated that she had also heard and is of the opinion that PRANNO is a "mean individual" and has beat up "several waitresses when they got out of line". She stated that as far as she is concerned the Key Lounge was entirely legitimate in its operation, however, she is certain that many so called hoodlums or persons believed to be a part of the Chicago criminal element frequented the Key.

After observing several photographs of various persons allegedly connected with the Chicago criminal element she identified the photograph of SAMUEL GIANCANA and [redacted] as individuals that she had observed [redacted]

She advised that she could furnish no information concerning the outside activities of PRANNO and indicated that his close associate seemed to be [redacted] who she believed was PRANNO's [redacted]. She pointed out that [redacted] in Stone Park, Illinois, was also an associate of PRANNO. She advised that PRANNO appeared to be a "ladies man" and numerous girls [redacted] and asked for PRANNO. She noted that PRANNO is married, however his wife was never observed by her [redacted] She advised that PRANNO had the reputation of beating up waitresses who did not submit to his demands, however, she stated that PRANNO [redacted]

On 2/1/63 at [redacted] File # 92-924-190

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL/bas Date dictated 2/4/63

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She advised that located next to the Key Lounge was a place called the Diamond Lounge and she believed PRANNO owned it and she had heard that gambling took place there. She pointed out that this place is now out of existence and the Key Lounge is now known as D'Ors. She advised that described as being in her early long blonde hair and attractive. (LNU), present whereabouts unknown. In addition she said that was the bookkeeper for the Key Lounge and

She advised that in addition to the persons she mentioned above she could furnish no additional information concerning associates or business operation of the Key Lounge.

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Date 2/18/63

[redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

She advised that [redacted] She stated that the Key Lounge was owned and operated by ROCCO PRANNO, who used the name JIM MARTEL. She stated that the Key Lounge has since changed its name to D'Ors.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] PRANNO also operated the Diamond Lounge, located next to the Key Lounge which was "a gambling den". She stated that the Diamond Lounge is no longer in existence. She advised that she recalls on one or two occasions that "MOONEY" GIANCANA, "the big boy in the Chicago criminal world" visited the Key and dined with PRANNO on one or two occasions. She further advised that [redacted] known as [redacted] was a partner with PRANNO in the Key Lounge, but she later understood he sold his interest to PRANNO. b6 b7C b7D

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that she did not doubt that PRANNO had some girls available for his male guests. She stated, however, that she could furnish no concrete information in this regard but did have strong suspicions that girls were available.

She stated that PRANNO was a ladies man and many women stopped [redacted] and made inquiry concerning him. She stated that [redacted] by the name of [redacted] and [redacted] She noted that [redacted] was beat up by PRANNO and it was known [redacted] that PRANNO had a terrible temper and would not hesitate to strike a female. He advised that PRANNO's [redacted] a tall blonde, served as [redacted] at the Key and is belived to be still employed by PRANNO at D'Ors. She said [redacted] is married and b6 b7C b7D

On 2/8/63 at [redacted] File # 92-924-171

SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY & [redacted] Jel 2/12/63

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has one child, however, she does not know her maiden name and was unable to furnish [redacted] address. She noted that PRANNO has allegedly beat [redacted] up on several occasions but that [redacted] is so much in love with PRANNO, she refuses to terminate her employment. b6 b7C

She advised that [redacted] for PRANNO at [redacted] She advised that PRANNO's [redacted] in the operation of the Key was [redacted] and that a [redacted] whom she believed to be an employee of [redacted] acted as PRANNO's [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] informed that she had no direct knowledge of PRANNO's illegal activities, but that she believed him to be a close associate, if not directly involved, with the Chicago criminal element. She advised that PRANNO was also close friends with police officials in Stone Park and Northlake, Illinois. She has had no contact with PRANNO since 1961, however, should she learn of any information regarding him, in the future, she would contact the FBI. b6 b7C b7D

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Date 2/27/63

The records of [redacted] that as of November 23, 1962, [redacted] The location of D'Ors was shown as 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois, the [redacted] were shown as [redacted]

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On October 18, 1961, a judgment number 61M127752 for $462 was entered on October 9, 1961, against this company in favor of [redacted] which was not satisfied as of November 20, 1962. Records dated November 7, 1961, show a judgment number 61M128781 for $120 entered October 20, 1961, against this company in favor of H. Walker Distributor, not satisfied as of November 20, 1962.

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Date 2/28/63

The records of [redacted] disclosed the following information: b7D

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **3/11/63**

FROM : SA **PETROS A. KOTSOS**

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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ROCCO PRANNO	**92-924**

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE **See Attached.**

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating **Excellent**	Coverage **Top Hoodlum Activities**

Personal Data

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On February 25, 1963, PCI [redacted] furnished the following information concerning the activities of ROCCO PRANNO: b6 b7C b7D

PRANNO continues to conduct most of his activities from D'Ors Cocktail Lounge. He has set up an office in the basement of the Lounge where he has a desk and is believed to maintain private papers and "books".

PRANNO now has a young woman, believed to be going to college for her Ph.D handling bookkeeping chores at D'Ors. Informant believes a possibility exists PRANNO may be keeping a double set of books. Informant describes this girl as very good looking, [redacted] years of age. PRANNO still has [redacted] working as [redacted] b6 b7C

PRANNO does not do his own driving anymore in view of the troubles he has had relative to investigation of his drivers license. PRANNO has a young boy driving for him. PRANNO has painted his Oldsmobile.

[redacted] PRANNO's blonde [redacted] at D'Ors Club recently got some publicity by getting her picture on the front page of Welcome magazine. b6 b7C

Gambling in Stone Park, Illinois

PRANNO still has complete control of any gambling activities in Stone Park. He has reportedly set up [redacted] [redacted] or has gone into partnership with [redacted] in the running of various gambling enterprises in Stone Park. It is believed that gambling is again taking place in the back room of the Manor Lounge in Stone Park. Manor Lounge has been raided in the past by the Sheriff's Office. Many young people hang out at the Manor Lounge. b6 b7C

[redacted] is a go-between for PRANNO with the individuals running crap games, black jack and poker games in Stone Park. b6 b7C

Informant knew for sure last week that a gambling operation was being conducted at the rear of Sunny's Barber Shop.

Informant stated Lieutenant [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office is intent on raiding some of the joints in Stone Park.

On February 25, 1963, about 15 men walked into D'Ors Lounge, without a warrant believed to be Sheriff's undercover men. These men made a complete search of D'Ors and turned the place upside down just on general principles.

An individual referred to as [redacted] who is believed to be [redacted] was at D'Ors and he sold a Majestic Radio to JIMMY PRANNO as ROCCO PRANNO is known in Stone Park. b6 b7C

Hoodlum Infiltration of Stone Park Police Department

[redacted] is PRANNO's [redacted] in the Stone Park Police Department. [redacted] handles various chores for PRANNO and is believed to handle activities in the Aurora-Elgin area. [redacted] was slated to get into the Sheriff's Office, however, it is believed that he may best be used on the Stone Park Police Department. Regarding Mid Central Sewer and Water Main Company, believed controlled by PRANNO, it is felt that a customer of the company is one [redacted] who works for another PRANNO enterprise which is an entertainment service. [redacted] plays the piano. b6 b7C

[redacted] a friend of JIMMY PRANNO's [redacted] is one [redacted] b6 b7C

Regarding the sewer and water main contract it is believed that the Stone Park politicians were the trustees and were getting $100 a head for their connection in the deal.

Pranno And Teacher Cleared In Assault Case

A schoolteacher and a reputed crime syndicate figure were cleared Friday of assault and battery charges they had placed against each other.

The two are Jessie L. Hight, 43, of 1741 N. 40th, Stone Park, who teaches at a Melrose Park School, and Rocco Pranno, 45, reportedly active in syndicate gambling who said he lives at 1742 Blue, Highland Park. Police in that suburb, however, say no such address exists and that Pranno resides in Stone Park.

Both were found not guilty by August C. Taddeo, Melrose Park justice of the peace. "It was one man's word against the other's," Taddeo said, "and the assistant state's attorney had no evidence to make a recommendation."

Each signed a complaint after they allegedly fought following a Stone Park Kiwanis meeting last Oce. 15. Hight said he was attacked when he accused Pranno of being responsible for the failure of a street repair program. Pranno said Hight started the scrap.

Pranno was sentenced in 1935 to one year to life imprisonment for armed robbery. He was paroled in 1940. In 1959 he was accused by the old Kefauver crime committee of acting as muscleman in the crime syndicate take-over of juke box operations in Kane County.

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TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-375)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-924)

SUBJECT: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
AR
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Springfield letter to Chicago dated 10/30/61.

Referenced letter revealed that a check with the Department of State, Corporation Division, at Springfield regarding Hat and Cane, Inc., Certificate Number 50242, had listed the incorporators as certain individuals. The annual report of this company filed 2/27/61 reflected additional persons as officers; including [redacted] as [redacted]

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Current investigation by Chicago indicates that subject through this company operates D'Ors Restaurant and Supper Club at 1741 North Mannheim, Stone Park, Illinois, and is one of the officers of the corporation, which changed during the past year.

Springfield is requested to check the records of the Corporation Division, Department of State, for any additional information concerning the officers and operation of Hat and Cane, Inc. and specifically be alert

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for the latest annual report reflecting the names of the officers of this company.

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200 Face Quiz by Stone Park Scandal Probers

State's attorney's police plan to question about 200 motorists arrested by Stone Park police since 1961 in an investigation of a suspected shakedown scandal.

Roswell T. Spencer, chief investigator for the state's attorney, said his men will begin seeking those motorists over the week-end and thruout next week.

Spencer ordered the interrogations after Lester Cook, Stone Park police magistrate, and Policeman Jerry Datillo were charged with misconduct on the complaint of a driver who says he paid them $62 to fix a speeding violation.

He'll Study Records

In addition to questioning motorists, Spencer said he will subpena and study all of Cook's records dating to 1961.

By checking the records against sworn statements by the motorists, Spencer said he will be able to uncover any discrepancies.

Spencer said he wants to know if fines listed in the records coincide with what motorists say they paid, and whether the violations were reported to the secretary of state's office in Springfield, Ill.

Spencer identified Cook, a former police chief of Stone Park, as an associate of Rocco Pranno, crime syndicate hoodlum. Pranno, according to Spencer, "runs Stone Park."

Last December, Cook refused to hear an assault case against Pranno, saying:

"So much publicity has been given the case by the papers, I don't see how I could make judgment on it. I am disqualifying myself."

Both Free on Bond

Cook, 62, of 1804 N. 39th av., Stone Park, and Datillo, 23, of 1806 N. 40th av., in the suburb, are free on $1,500 bond each. They are to appear March 29 before Edward G. Krantz, Niles township justice of the peace.

Each could receive a penalty of a $1,000 fine and from 1 to 5 years in prison if convicted, Spencer said.

The motorist who lodged the complaint is Fox Sagle, 4829 N. Forester st., Schiller Park. He told Spencer he was arrested by Datillo on Feb. 8 and charged with driving 58 m. p. h. in a 35 m. p. h. zone.

Sagle said he gave the policeman his driver's license and $16 which he thought was a bond. Datillo told him the $16 would be returned after he paid a fine, Sagle said.

$37 More Asked

Then, according to Sagle, Datillo instructed him to go to Cook's office on Feb. 11, and that for $37, the secretary of state would not be notified of the speeding violation.

Sagle notified Spencer who told him to follow thru with the payoff.

In Cook's office, Datillo told Sagle to give the magistrate $62, Sagle said, and that he would be given a receipt for $25.

Sagle says he gave them $62, but did not get a receipt and did not get his $16 "bond" money back.

Cook country records show Sagle was fined $10 for a speeding violation, Spencer said. The records indicate Sagle pleaded not guilty, the chief investigator added.

Asked by Spencer if he thought what he had done was wrong, Cook replied:

"I guess it is, but they do it all over."

Later Cook denied any guilt, and was quoted:

"If you are going to shake someone down and he hasn't the money when you approach him, you don't make an appointment to see him later on."

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Stone Park Charges Made by Driver

Cook (left) and Datillo

The police magistrate of Stone Park and a patrolman from the village were charged with misconduct yesterday on a complaint that they had taken a bribe from a truck driver.

Lester Cook, 62, of 1804 N. 39th av., Stone Park, a magistrate for 12 years, and Jerry Datillo, 23, of 1806 N. 40th av., a policeman for two and a half years, were released on $1,500 bond for appearance March 29 before Edward G. Krantz, Niles township justice of the peace.

Charged with Speeding

The driver, Rex Sagle, 4829 N. Forester st., Schiller Park, said that he was arrested on Feb. 8 by Datillo and charged with going 58 m. p. h. in a 35 m. p. h. zone. Sagle said that he gave Datillo his driver's license and $16, which he assumed was a bond.

Sagle said Datillo then said that for $37 the record of the arrest would not be reported to the secretary of state's office.

On Feb. 11 Sagle, who had notified the state's attorney's office, was taken to Cook's office by Datillo. Sagle said he paid $62 after being told that he would be given a receipt for $25 and the extra $37 would take care of not reporting the conviction to the secretary of state's office.

'It's Done All Over'

When Cook and Datillo were confronted yesterday, they admitted taking the $62, Roswell C. Spencer, chief investigator for the state's attorneys office said.

Cook, when asked by Spencer if that were the wrong thing to do, replied: "I guess it is, but they do it all over."

However, Cook later denied any guilt and said: "If you are going to shake someone down and he hasn't the money when you approach him, you don't make an appointment to see him later on."

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OTHER DRIVERS REPORT BRIBES IN STONE PARK

Police Magistrate Is Named

Roswell T. Spencer, chief investigator for the state's attorney's office, said yesterday that he has received phone calls and letters from several motorists who charged they were shaken down by Lester Cook, Stone Park police magistrate.

Cook, 62, of 1804 N. 39th av., Stone Park, police magistrate of the village for 12 years, and Jerry Datillo, 23, of 1806 N. 40th av., Stone Park, a village patrolman, were arrested Friday and charged with official misconduct.

They were arrested on the complaint of Rex Sagle, 26, of 4829 N. Forester av., Schiller Park, a truck driver who said he paid $68 in bribe money to them after his arrest Feb. 8 on a speeding charge.

Motorists to Be Interviewed

Spencer said he will interview the motorists about their accusations.

He has subpenaed all of Cook's records dating back to January, 1961, and will interview every motorist listed in the records as having been convicted and having paid a fine.

Spencer will seek to determine if the records report the fines paid by the motorists, and to learn if all the convictions were reported to the secretary of state's office, as required by law.

Show $10 Fine

Sagle charged that Datillo told him if he paid the bribe his conviction on the speeding charge would not be reported to the state's office. Spencer said Cook's records show that Sagle paid a $10 fine. Sagle said he paid Cook and Datillo $78. The secretary of state's office charged that Sagle's conviction was not reported.

Cook and Datillo will appear before Edward G. Krantz Niles police magistrate, on March 29. They are free on $1,500 bond.

Cook denied his guilt and said the state's attorney's office is out to get him because several of its cases failed in his court "because they were poorly prepared."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] b7D

DATE: **3/18/63**

FROM : SA **PETROS A. KOTSOS**

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact

3/8/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO PRANNO; AR	**92-924**

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

See attached.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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On 3/8/63, PCI [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

ROCCO PRANNO's corporation, the Hat and Cane, Inc., which was formed to operate D'Ors Lounge on North and Mannheim, is in trouble with the Internal Revenue Service.

Informant sensed from activities in Stone Park that the Internal Revenue Service has requested eith to review the records of Hat and Cane, Inc., or they have assessed an additional tax.

Informant stated that on 3/8/63, ROCCO PRANNO [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

Informant indicated he saw copies of [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

Informant indicated that [redacted] PRANNO's [redacted] and the individual who fills out PRANNO's [redacted] may be in trouble with PRANNO. An individual named (FNU) [redacted] is possibly being groomed to take over accounting chores for PRANNO. b6 b7C

A woman named (FNU) [redacted] known as the [redacted] has been in and out of Stone Park. [redacted] not "BOTTLES" CAPONE, is the man directing gambling activities for ROCCO PRANNO in Stone Park. Informant stated crap games, poker, and blackjack are primarily the gambling enterprises now in operation at the Manor Lounge and Sunny's Barber Shop. b6 b7C

Informant believes that PRANNO, although he directs illegal activities in Stone Park and possibly Northlake, Illinois, is to report to a "higher up".

PRANNO now very rarely drives his car in view of the publicity he has had recently regarding the revocation of his license.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] DATE: **3/19/63** b7D

FROM : SA [redacted] ☐ CI ☐ SI b6 b7C

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact
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☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating **Very Good**	Coverage **Same**

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On 2/7/63 [redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] of Stone Park Police Department b6 b7C
is [redacted] in Stone Park. "JIMMY" PRANNO has the board approval and license for six taxis which will operate from [redacted] station.

There was a meeting Wednesday night between [redacted] b6 b7C
and "JIMMY" PRANNO. The meeting started at 9:00 p.m. in [redacted] office and was still in progress at Midnight.

[redacted] and another sheriff's policeman were in D'Ors for about four hours a week and a half ago.

An unidentified man, age in [redacted], 6' 1", nearly bald, wears big diamond on left little finger, has been selling Broadstreet and Kuppenheimer suits for $45.00. He sold one to "JIMMY" PRANNO's [redacted] This unidentified man drives a 1960 black Cadillac, four-door Fleetwood. This man was in the Manor Lounge last night with a man who he said was a buyer in from New York. This second individual appears to be in his [redacted] weighs about 210 pounds, wears glasses and has round face and drinks continuously. b6 b7C

[redacted] is believed to live in Stone Park and may be getting a larger car soon.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service recently made inquiry at the Stone Park Police Department regarding "JIMMY" PRANNO and talked to Chief SIGNORELLA an hour and a half. They also talked to PRANNO's wife.

[redacted] b7D

On 2/18/63 [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

The Mid-Continent Maintenance Contractors, Inc. (533 South 25th, Bellwood, Illinois) use white automobiles which have red dome lights on their roofs. It is noted a car of this description was used in the recent hijacking of a truck load of cigarettes. In addition to their office in Bellwood, this firm also has cars operating out of O'Hare Field. [redacted] Mid-Continent, is a friend of "JIMMY" PRANNO and is also head of the [redacted] One of Mid-Continent's cars was seen at D'Ors recently. b6 b7C

About a week before The Mist Restaurant was burned, he was in a casual conversation with "JIMMY" PRANNO concerning the recent restaurant fires. PRANNO remarked that there would be a few more yet.

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Two Saturdays ago he drove "JIMMY" PRANNO to a big yellow house located at [redacted] He dropped PRANNO off and PRANNO returned to Stone Park in about two hours by some other means of transportation. PRANNO remarked that [redacted] had driven him to that place several times previously. PRANNO said he was going to see a girl at that place and remarked he had gotten $7000.00 from her once a couple of years ago and he might put the touch on her again. b6 b7C

The unidentified man who had been selling suits cheaply is still hanging around the Manor Lounge.

"JIMMY" PRANNO continues to live at his same place on the first floor.

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The girl at D'Ors who works on PRANNO's books there is reportedly going to college studying for a Master's degree in education. b6 b7C

[redacted] is to be the [redacted] on the Stone Park Police Department next month but Chief SIGNARELLA is not yet aware of this.

On 3/5/63 [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

About five months ago the Stone Park Police Department gave a ticket to some doctor for a traffic violation. [redacted] brought the ticket to "JIMMY" PRANNO to get it "fixed". PRANNO remarked at the Police Department that the name [redacted] does not mean anything at "the office" and besides it did not come from higher up. b6 b7C

Yesterday [redacted] said he and PRANNO were going somewhere today and were leaving at about 8:00 a.m. and returning about 2:00 p.m. b6 b7C

"Guide Magazine" [redacted] who spends a lot of time with "JIMMY" PRANNO and in D'Ors. The magazine is published at 10025 West Grand, Franklin Park, Illinois.

[redacted] is the [redacted] at the Stone Park Police Department. b6 b7C

[redacted] is selling sheets at $1.00 each. The sheets are from the Clean Towel Service, packed ten to the package. This individual spends a lot of time at D'Ors.

[redacted] who has served time in prison, built the shopping center at Addison, Illinois, and operates out of a liquor store there. He drives a Cadillac. [redacted] has [redacted] (?), who used to run the Lake Club in Melrose Park, and is well known. [redacted] drives an b6 b7C

[redacted] b7D

Oldsmobile. [redacted] was stopped in Stone Park on a traffic violation but not charged. PRANNO on hearing of the incident remarked that [redacted] is a nice boy. b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 3/8/63 [redacted] furnished the following information:

He was in D'Ors recently when an unidentified man delivered to D'Ors drapes which had just been cleaned. This individual was talking to the bartender and indicated he had a lot of trouble with the job and remarked he would never have taken the job if it had not been for [redacted] This man delivered the drapes in an automobile. b6 b7C

On 3/11/63 [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

In reference to the recent arrest of [redacted] by the State's Attorney's Police, "JIMMY" PRANNO seemed glad [redacted] was getting bad publicity. All Stone Park Police Department records were confiscated. He understands from PRANNO and [redacted] of the State's Attorney's Prosecutive Staff will handle the case and will get word from higher-up to ease off on the case. PRANNO remarked he may get a new Chief of Police and that he could not afford the "heat", that "the office" is not going to "sit for it". PRANNO told [redacted] that if it gets any hotter he has to get some "stuff out of there". b6 b7C

The village board wanted to fire [redacted] but [redacted] interceded, saying [redacted] had not yet been found guilty. [redacted] is scared and has not been out of his house for several days. b6 b7C

Instructions are that anyone who is picked up is not to go downtown without an attorney. [redacted] is

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using Attorney [redacted], who is reportedly a syndicate attorney in Melrose Park. [redacted] said [redacted] was not charging him for the case. b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] represented some of the State Police who were in trouble recently.

Investigate Stone Park Magistrate

The state's attorney's office has begun a check of all traffic cases in the last 25 months in the court of Stone Park Police Magistrate Lester Cook.

The state's attorney's office received the court's records Monday under a subpena. Cook was arrested Friday on charges of accepting a bribe.

Alvan F. Morse, head of the state's attorney's suburban division, said the records will be added to complaints that have come in to him and Chief Investigator Roswell P. Spencer.

The complainants will be questioned, and their statements and records compared with those in the Secretary of State's office, which by law is to receive a report on every traffic fine.

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COOK, 62, and Stone Park Patrolman Jerry Datillo, 23, of 1806 N. 40th Av. in the suburb, are scheduled to appear before Niles Twp. Police Magistrate Edward Krantz on March 22, on charges of official misconduct.

State's attorney's police arrested Cook and Datillo on complaint of a motorist that he paid them $68 not to report a moving violation.

Spencer said that a $10 fine for the violation was never reported to the Secretary of State's office. Cook has been police magistrate for 12 years and was Stone Park police chief before that.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Chicago [redacted]

DATE: 2/18/63

FROM : SA William L. Bailey

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive see attached FD 302

Information herein obtained confidentially; informant's name is not to be disclosed in report or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely that he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/18/63

Informant furnished the following information:

From early 1960 to August, 1962, ROCCO PRANNO, known as JIM MARTEL, was active in the operation of the Key Lounge and subsequently D'Ors, located at 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois. PRANNO continues to operate D'Ors, located at this address. The Key Lounge, during its early operation as a key club, served as a gathering place for persons believed to be part of the Chicago criminal element. PRANNO operates his restaurant under the corporate name of Hat and Cane, Inc. The books for his business are kept by [redacted] a Stone Park [redacted] and he is also closely acquainted with [redacted] who operates a sewer construction business. b6 b7C

It is not known whether or not PRANNO actually has a business interest in the sewer construction business owned by [redacted] but it appears [redacted] discusses his business problems with PRANNO and PRANNO seems to have an interest concerning [redacted] operations.

PRANNO's [redacted] until December, 1962 was [redacted] who has suddenly departed from the premises of D'Ors and it is believed he is in trouble with PRANNO. [redacted] present whereabouts are unknown, and it has been rumored that PRANNO is looking for him, because he, [redacted] b6 b7C

PRANNO works very hard to make his business seem legitimate. In the past it was well known that PRANNO operated all of his gambling operations at the Diamond Lounge. Early in 1960 it was a gambling spot, but was subsequently closed. PRANNO has [redacted] on the police force, [redacted] b6 b7C

PRANNO employs a tall blonde, [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), as his [redacted] at D'Ors and [redacted] is also a [redacted] is married and has one child, however, it is believed she is separated from her husband. PRANNO is a ladies man and takes great pride in the fact that he

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On 2/7/63 at Chicago, Illinois File # [redacted] b6 b7C

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY & JOSEPH H. SERVEL/Jel Date dictated 2/12/63 b7D

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"gets any woman he wants". He is known as vicious man and would not hesitate in starting a fight.

[redacted] was known as one of PRANNO's partners when he obtained the Key Lounge, however, shortly after opening, PRANNO decided to form a coporation in order to keep his name off the ownership papers. As a result, PRANNO suggested that [redacted], be used as [redacted] of the Corporation, [redacted] the [redacted] and [redacted] be made [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-924) DATE: 3-27-63

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-375) RUC

SUBJECT: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNC
AR
OO: Chicago

Re: Chicago airtel to Springfield 2/26/63.

On 3/20/63 [redacted] Corporation Department, Secretary of States Office, State House, advised SA CECIL M. MILLER that there is no new information in the Corporation Department's files relative to the Hat and Cane, Incorporated, at Chicago, Illinois, except a warrant issued on 10/15/62 against this concern for failure to pay the franchise tax. This warrant was forwarded to the Cook County Sheriff's Office and was returned by the Sheriff of Cook County on 12/20/62 at which time the amount of $11.40 covering the tax and penalties was returned to the State. This warrant was issued against the Hat and Cane, Incorporated, 1741 North Mannhein, which is located in Stone Park, Illinois. The agent shown on the warrant was [redacted]; however, this name was put on the warrant by the Corporation Department because it appeared on the records. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that a Certificate to Dissolve Corporated dated 11/15/62 had been sent to the Attorney General's Office and if the Hat and Cane, Incorporated, does not file the required annual report for the year 1962, they will probably be dissolved sometime in the Fall of 1963.

Note stop

A stop was placed with [redacted] to notify the Springfield Office in the event this concern does file the annual report for the year 1962, and, of course, the Chicago Office will then be advised of the information desired.

The Chicago Office is requested to check the records of the Sheriff's Office, Cook County, Ill., relative to the service of the warrant relative to franchise taxes, which warrant was returned to the State on 12/20/62.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS INASMUCH AS HE HAS BEEN OBSERVED WITH A BLACKJACK IN HIS POSSESSION.

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Subject's name and aliases	Address of subject	Character of case
MARGANA MOTORS; ROCCO PRANNO; Information Concerning	Stone Park, Illinois	

Complainant	Complainant's address and telephone number	Complaint received
ANONYMOUS MALE		☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 3-29-63 Time 12:10pm

Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	☐ Male ☐ Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

Complainant advised that there is a room containing several phones located on the second floor of the garage at Margana Motors located North of Lake Street on Manheim Rd., Stone Park, Illinois. Caller stated he does not know whether it is being used as a wire room.

Caller stated that ROCCO PRANNO has something to do with this room.

Caller further advised that numerous expensive cars constantly drive in and out of the Margana Motors lot.

Caller stated that he had no further information and terminated the call.

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Action Recommended

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4 Seized In Raid on Tavern

Sheriff's police Monday raided the Manor Lounge, 4003 W. Lake, Stone Park, one of the taverns at which there has been a fire believed set by an arsonist.

The deputies seized four persons, a bartender and three underage customers he was accused of serving.

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THE TAVERN was the scene of a $10,000 fire in December, 1960, and last December 19 persons were arrested there in a gaming raid.

The bartender, James B. Blankenship, 25, of 814 N. 20th Av., Melrose Park, was charged with selling liquor to minors. The youths, charged with accepting liquor, are Nicholas J. De Pina Jr., 20, of 5730 W. Division; Clifford J. Johnson, 19, of 2900 N. Troy, and Jiries Siveis, 19. of 1935 N. Sawyer.

The four will appear April 19 before Police Magistrate Elmer Tone in the Milwaukee Av. Police Court.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **4/16/63**

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☐ CI ☐ SI

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

3/13, 15, 20; 4/1/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO; AR	**92-924**
Criminal Intelligence Program	**92-466**

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

See attached.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Very good.	**Same**

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On 3/13/63, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

DOMINICK's drug store on Armitage off Mannheim is believed to sell "hot" clothing. Two excellent quality suits with no labels were recently purchased there for $70 for the two suits.

On March 15, 1963, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] was picked up yesterday by Stone Park Police Department with wrong plates on car and no drivers license. [redacted] is about 6' tall and weighs about 200 pounds. He has not yet been booked by Stone Park Police Department. [redacted] is a number one burglar and that guys like him bring "heat" to town. [redacted] is the individual previously referred to by [redacted] as driving a green Dodge Dart (the license number of which was listed to [redacted] is checking up on [redacted] background. b6 b7C b7D

On March 20, 1963, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

"JIMMY" PRANNO's cab company is to start soon and it is believed it will be known as North Park Cab. [redacted] (LNU), a new Sales Manager at Margana Motors, and [redacted] at Margana will be associated with the cab company. b6 b7C

"JIMMY" PRANNO is buying some sort of hunting club (gun club) and [redacted] will front for him. PRANNO is spending $40,000 on the gun club.

PRANNO has received another letter from the Treasury Department and is worried about his books. The girl who is working on PRANNO's books for him put his "side line" income on which no tax was paid - on PRANNO's regular books. PRANNO is trying to get [redacted] to set up two sets of books. b6 b7C

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[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was released without ever being booked by Stone Park Police Department. b6 b7C

[redacted] did not do [redacted] for PRANNO. b6 b7C

On April 1, 1963, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

"JIMMY" PRANNO has two ex-Yellow Cabs on the lot at Margana's. It is believed the old Paradise is to be the cab office.

"JIMMY" PRANNO is opening a shooting gallery on pistol range on Mannheim Road. PRANNO wanted [redacted] The office would be in Chief SIGNORELLA's store. The Chief's store would be liquidated. One of the village trustees owns the building in which the store is located. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] bought a boat for $1,500 cash. "JIMMY" PRANNO's boat will probably be moved to Fox Lake soon. [redacted] (who works at D'Ors) or her parents own a house on [redacted] b6 b7C

PRANNO has dumped [redacted] by mutual agreement.

[redacted] has ordered a new car. b6 b7C

PRANNO has discussed forming a new company to do the paving in Stone Park. PRANNO owns the booking agency operated by [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **4/18/63**

FROM : SA **WILLIAM L. BAILEY**

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact
4/11/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO PRANNO, AR	**92-924**
	(assigned writer)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

PCI contacted 4/11/63 by SAs BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL at which time he furnished the following information:

PCI advised that he would not testify concerning information he furnished and requested that his identity not be disclosed.

He advised as follows:

During the latter part of March, 1963, he visited D'Ors Restaurant, 1741 North Mannheim, Stone Park, Illinois, at which time he talked with ROCCO PRANNO, the owner of D'Ors, for a brief period. PRANNO indicated that he was having financial problems with D'Ors and remarked that "I might have to close this place if business does not pick up."

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Very Good	**Same**

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[redacted] b7D

PCI believes PRANNO "just pretending" as PRANNO has continually complained of slow business but has always maintained the operation of the business even though the business appeared bad.

[redacted] is [redacted] for D'Ors and is a close girl friend of PRANNO. b6 b7C

Former [redacted] for PRANNO, [redacted] now works for the [redacted] Illinois, and resides [redacted] Illinois, telephone [redacted]

PRANNO's former [redacted] at D'Ors, [redacted] is allegedly working for his, [redacted] in an unknown restaurant in Crystal Lake, Illinois. PRANNO is still looking for [redacted] regarding money [redacted] supposedly owes PRANNO. b6 b7C

With respect to former employees of PRANNO, informant advised [redacted] b6
were former [redacted] who were last known to be employed b7C
by the now defunct [redacted]

[redacted] is a [redacted] at D'Ors and is believed to reside in [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] is believed to be identical to [redacted]

[redacted] a former [redacted] resides in [redacted] Illinois. b6 b7C

[redacted] is close friend of PRANNO, and operates an entertainment agency in Stone Park, Illinois, which agency furnishes entertainment to D'Ors. [redacted] also worked and appeared in D'Ors as a singer.

[redacted] is a former [redacted] that resides in [redacted] Illinois. b6 b7C

PCI of opinion PRANNO's closest friend is [redacted] Water and Sewer Company,

Chicago, Illinois
May 7, 1963

92-924

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO,
Also Known As
ANTI-RACKETEERING

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who is familiar with the residents and activities in Stone Park.

Chicago T-2 is an individual familiar with automobiles, owned and operated by Rocco Pranno.

Chicago T-3 is an individual familiar with the operations of D'Ors Supper Club, to a limited degree, and is acquainted with Rocco Pranno.

Chicago T-4 is another Government agency.

Chicago T-5 is a person familiar with some of the activities of Rocco Pranno, his business enterprises and associates.

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FBI Field Office Wanted-Flash-Cancellation Notice
FD-165 (Rev. 3-19-62)

Attention: Identification Division

Date 5/3/63

To: Director, FBI

Re: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
AR

From: SAC, Chicago (92-924)

[X] Place, or [ ] Cancel, stop in files of Identification Division for reasons indicated:

[ ] Wanted for Criminal Intelligence Program

Flash: [ ] Security Index [ ] Reserve Index (Section A) [ ] Security Informant [ ] Criminal Informant

[ ] Application for Pardon After Completion of Sentence [ ] Probation

[ ] Cancel because

Furnish: [ ] Photo if possible [X] Identification Record

Name: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	*If application for pardon or probation flash desired, give following if pertinent:*
Aliases: Rocco Pranno, "Rocky" Prano, Robert "Rocco" Pranno, Jim Pranno, Jim Martel	Date of Sentence
	Place of Sentence
FBI #: 785-212 / Other #	Charge
Fingerprint Classification	Contributor of Fingerprints
	Actual Sentence, Including Fines, Imposed
Birth Date: 12/30/16	Suspended Sentence Imposed
Birthplace: Chicago, Illinois	Probation Imposed
Race: White / Sex: [X] Male [ ] Female	Period of Probation From ____ To 92-924-171

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READ INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF THIS FORM

In all instances when FBI number is known it should be furnished. When it is not known, furnish following descriptive data in addition to that requested on face of form:

Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Complexion
Scars, Marks and Peculiarities				
Nationality	Occupation	Residence		

INSTRUCTIONS:

If an application for pardon after completion of sentence flash is requested, source to be notified if information received by Identification Division is Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section, Special Investigative Division.

When probation flash requested appropriate United States Probation office should be indicated for referral of subsequent arrest information.

If subject's fingerprints are submitted, forward to the Identification Division stapled to this form. Cover memo not necessary.

Form FD-165, when involving matters concerning security informants and the Security Index, should be forwarded to the Bureau by "Registered Mail."

4/24/63

PLAIN TEXT

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-924)

SUBJECT: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
AR
OO: Chicago

For information Memphis, subject is the subject of a hoodlum investigation in this division and operates a restaurant known as D'Ors, 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois.

Recently a 1960 red Ford, bearing 1963 Tennessee license [redacted] was observed parked in the rear of his restaurant for an extended period of time. b6 b7C

It is requested that Memphis determine the identity of person to whom the 1963 Tennessee license was issued and advise Chicago.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
St. Pol. , Paw Paw Mich.	Rocco Parnno #—	5-2-34	not given	
St. Atty. Off. Wheaton, Ill.	Rocco Pranno #517	5-2-34	robb. with a gun	
PD, Chicago, Ill.	Rocco Pranno #C-58487	5-2-34	G. P.	
PD, River Forest, Ill.	Rocco Pranno #1138	6-15-34	D. C.	fined $25. and costs
SP, Joliet, Ill.	Rocco Pranno #1004F	9-19-35	robb. armed	1 yr. - life 11-6-35, trans. to Pontiac.
Commanding General Services of Supply U. S. Army Wash., D. C.	Rocco Salvatore Pranno #40-GHM	Applicant for checker 3-9-42		
Cook Co. Jail, Chicago, Ill.	Rocco Pranno #62216	1-15-46	Burg.-Mal. Misch.	30 days H. of C. 1-17-46 sent to H of C
PD Aurora Ill	James Hartell #10507	10-15-57	SP -consp	dism 12-11-57

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
*	As Rocco Pranno, arr. Lansing, Mich., 5-2-34, susp.			
*	#10081, SPen Pontiac, Ill. Rocco Pranno, 11-7-35 robb 1-life 4-26-40, par. 7-2-43 Board Order Discharged.			
*	As Rocco Pranno #C-58487, PD,	Berwyn, Ill. 10-19-34,	Robbery; nolle Prossed.	
*	As Rocco Pranno 5-28-35, arr.	at Berwyn, Ill., susp.		
*	As Rocco Pranno 6-6-35, arr.	at Maywood, Ill., susp.		
*	As Rocco Pranno 9-12-35, sent.	to Joliet Ill. Pen.	#1804-Robbery plea Armed.	
*	As Rocco Pranno #D-32225 PD,	Chicago, Ill. 10-17-35,	Burglary.	
*	Rocco Pranno, #D-31378, PD Chgo Ill GP.			

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1-221 (Rev. 2-1-63)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date 5-8-63

Your inquiry 5-3-63

SAC, Chicago (92-924)

RE: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
AR

[X] Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.

[ ] Attached furnished in compliance with request from

[ ] Only record available attached.

[ ] This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.

[ ] Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated

[ ] Records FBI #
are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.

[ ] Fingerprint files fail to disclose

[ ] Confirming FBI wire of

[ ] A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.

[ ] When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.

[ ] If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.

[ ] Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.

[ ] If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.

[ ] Your communication is returned.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1963

The records of [redacted] disclosed the following information: b7D

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

The above information can be obtained only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which, if issued, should be directed to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 4/10/63 at [redacted] File # CG 92-924 1964 b7D

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and [redacted] rms Date dictated 4/12/63 b6 b7C

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FD-159 (Rev. 6-29-59)

RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 4/30/63 & 5/8/63 (date) By Telephone _____ (date) Written Communication _____ (date)

Information concerning:

Rocco Pranno, aka

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

92-924-(7D3025 dated 5/7/63

Information furnished was obtained:

- [X] during course of Bureau investigation
- [X] from informants
- [ ] from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

Asst States Attorney [redacted] 26th & Calif, Chicago, Ill.

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Remarks:

Furnished information that Rocco Pranno had moved and resided at 1166 Beverly Inn Arlington Heights during past two years. Did give background concerning Pranno's possession of fraudulent Illinois license,

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William L. Bailey
Special Agent

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] DATE: **5/13/63** b7D

FROM : SA [redacted] ☐ CI ☐ SI b6 b7C

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact
5/3/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted
ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, AR **92-924, assigned BAILEY**

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

PCI was contacted by SA [redacted] and SA WILLIAM L. BAILEY on May 3, 1963 and furnished information on attached sheet. b6 b7C

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating **Excellent**	Coverage **Same**

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Informant advised that in his opinion there is no doubt that ROCCO PRANNO controls Mid-Central Sewer and Water Main Company. Informant believes PRANNO utilizes this company as a "legitimate front" and has "arranged" with Stone Park Village Trustees to approve all sewer work bids in Stone Park and Mid-Central thereby is assured of all sewer contracts.

Informant believes PRANNO will also in the future, "arrange" to obtain street paving jobs in Stone Park once this type of construction is started in Stone Park, possibly one year hence.

PRANNO drives very little due to his drivers license case pending with local authorities and a young male [redacted] LNU does most of his driving. b6 b7C

PRANNO's Cab Company, North Park Cab Company, has already begun to operate in Stone Park and apparently is being managed by the [redacted] (LNU) of Margana Meters, Stone Park.

Informant advised that [redacted] at D'Ors, presently resides in the [redacted] owned by [redacted] and located next door to [redacted] PRANNO's [redacted] also resides in [redacted]

PRANNO has young male [redacted] LNU driving for him. Another young man, [redacted] LNU resides on [redacted] works for PRANNO as a [redacted] a Negro, works for PRANNO as a [redacted] opens up D'Ors early each morning.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **5/10/63**

FROM : SA [redacted]

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

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Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO; AR	**92-924**
SALVATORE BATTAGLIA; AR	**92-914**
Criminal Intelligence Program	**92-466**

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

See attached.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: **Excellent**	Coverage: **Same**

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On 4/17/63, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

JIMMY PRANNO has five taxis, two-tone blue. Name of company is North Park Cab, Inc. Taxis will operate from 1626 North Mannheim. Cabs do not have tags as yet.

PRANNO is very happy because all his candidates won in the Stone Park election.

The Paradise Inn is being remodeled but he does not know who is doing it.

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] appears to be back in the good graces of JIMMY PRANNO. [redacted] is going to have his name changed in court. It is believed [redacted] reports no more than about $2,200 income per year, whereas it is believed PRANNO pays him at least $100 per week in cash. PRANNO is believed to pay alot of his help in cash. b6 b7C

[redacted] who is believed to be fronting for someone in the construction of the trailer court in Justice, Illinois, and apartments in Bellwood, seems to be a close associate of [redacted] at Margana Motors. [redacted] has many hoodlum friends. [redacted] has a relative named [redacted] who lives in [redacted] is [redacted] of Margana's, and has some sort of interest in the produce market. b6 b7C

Recently when PRANNO had to pay money to the Internal Revenue Service, he sent the girl who keeps his books at D'Ors out to buy money orders for this purpose. She purchased most of the money orders at the Bank of Broadway and some at the Melrose Park National Bank. [redacted] [redacted] of this latter bank, is believed to be close with the syndicate. [redacted] plays cards with an individual named BATTAGLIA, who lives in Winston Park. The stakes in the games are reportedly sometimes $300 - $400 a hand. b6 b7C

"JIMMY" PRANNO is thinking of buying a new car.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **5/20/63**

FROM : SA [redacted]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

5/15,16/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO	**92-924**
CIP	**92-466** ✓

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

See attached.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating **Very Good**	Coverage **Same**

Personal Data

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[redacted] b7D

On 5/15/63 PCI furnished the following information:

He is of the opinion [redacted] is out to get [redacted] and to get [redacted] job for himself. He hopes to do this by accusing [redacted] of holding out on funds collected from attorneys on personal injury suits. [redacted] seems intent on doing this [redacted] wants to have a show-down in front of "JIMMY" PRANNO and [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 5/16/63 PCI advised he met with [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

PCI advised that he went to the club accompanied by [redacted] is a [redacted] and according to PCI [redacted] carries as much or more "weight" in Melrose Park than does [redacted] was not a party to discussion with PRANNO but PRANNO knew he was there. After the meeting [redacted] told [redacted] he wanted to have a talk with [redacted] of Stone Park Police Department that night. [redacted] explained [redacted] was with [redacted] when [redacted] came to PCI and told him of the meeting. [redacted] also told PRANNO that it was not necessary to send two guys after him to come to the club -- that anytime he wanted him all PRANNO had to do was call him. PCI avoided ever mentioning [redacted] or [redacted] by name. PCI believes PRANNO is not a party to [redacted] efforts to get [redacted] out of office as [redacted] is too good a stooge. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] b7D

After the above discussion [redacted] and PRANNO continued talking [redacted] spoke of social affiars to be held by the Broadview Police Department at Elmhurst Country Club (date unknown) and by the Northlake Police Department at 4405 South St. Charles Road in Bellwood 5/25/63 at 8:00 p.m. [redacted] told PRANNO it would be good idea for PRANNO to make an appearance, especially at the Broadview affair as [redacted] would probably be there -- that he usually goes. PRANNO remarked that "TEETS" and [redacted] would not be there as they would not come out in the open like that. b6 b7C

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/7/63

During the period from 1:00 PM to 1:46 PM on May 3, 1963, a fixed surveillance was conducted by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL at the front entrance of the residence located at [redacted] Illinois. b6 b7C

During this period no one was observed to enter or leave the residence at 1166 North Beverly Lane; however, a 1958 blue Plymouth station wagon bearing 1963 Illinois license [redacted], was observed parked in the driveway located on the north side of this residence.

On 5/3/63 at [redacted] Ill. File # CG 92-924 -302

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL/vmm Date dictated 5/6/63

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/7/63

Lieutenant [redacted] Illinois Police Department, furnished the following information: b6 b7C

He advised that he is personally acquainted with [redacted] having known him for approximately 12 years. He said for the past eight or nine years [redacted] has resided at [redacted] Illinois. He advised that he has never known anyone to rent a room from [redacted] and is unaware that [redacted] has ever associated with ROCCO PRANNO in any capacity. He advised that after viewing a photograph of ROCCO PRANNO that he is unaware that this individual has ever visited the [redacted] and is rather certain this person never resided at [redacted]

Lieutenant [redacted] caused a check of the City Water Records of Arlington Heights and advised that the residents located at [redacted] were listed in the owner's name as follows:

1952 - 1956
[redacted]

February, 1956 - July, 1956
Vacant

July, 1956 to present
[redacted]

Lieutenant [redacted] advised that the name ROBERT PRANNO was unknown to the files of this department and that he was unfamiliar with this name.

On 5/3/63 at [redacted] Ill. File # CG 92-924-203

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL/vmm Date dictated 5/6/63

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/7/63

On April 30, 1963, SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL conducted a spot check of the automobiles parked in the parking lot behind D'Ors Restaurant, 1741 Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois. They observed a 1962 two-door brown Oldsmobile, bearing 1963 Illinois license 730915 parked in the lot. A check concerning the listing of the above 1963 license, as recorded in the license registration book issued by the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, disclosed that 1963 Illinois license 730915 is registered to ROBERT PRANNO, 1166 North Beverly Lane, Arlington Heights, Illinois, on a 1962 Oldsmobile.

On 4/30/63 at Stone Park, Illinois File # CG 92-924 -204-C

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL/vmm Date dictated 5/6/63

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/7/63

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[redacted] Illinois, telephone [redacted] furnished the following information:

She advised that she and [redacted] have been residents at [redacted] which is located immediately to the [redacted] for the past 3½ years. She advised that during this period she has been acquainted with the residents of [redacted] on a casual basis and is aware that [redacted] have occupied the residence at [redacted] during the entire period that she has [redacted]

She advised that [redacted] is a white male, approximately [redacted] years of age, 5'8", stocky build and has dark balding hair. She advised he has [redacted] who is a student at Southern Illinois University and that [redacted] resides in this residence being occupied as a housewife. She advised that the [redacted] to her knowledge have never owned an Oldsmobile and that they currently have a 1957 or 1958 blue Plymouth station wagon plus an old 1950 Plymouth which they drive occasionally. She advised that the [redacted] have never had any roomers and to her knowledge no one has rented any space in their home during the past 3½ years.

She related that [redacted] is allegedly employed with some stock brokerage firm in Chicago, but has in the past worked part-time as a bartender.

[redacted] viewed a photograph of ROCCO PRANNO and stated that she had never seen this individual previously and stated emphatically that this person has never been a permanent resident at the residence located at [redacted] Illinois. She advised that she has observed no persons visiting [redacted] and does not believe that PRANNO has ever visited [redacted] stated that ROBERT PRANNO is completely unfamiliar to her.

On 5/3/63 at [redacted] Ill. File # CG 92-924 - 2064

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL/vmm Date dictated 5/6/63

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Date May 14, 1963

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[redacted] Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] furnished the following information:

He has resided at [redacted] Illinois, since [redacted] with [redacted] and children. He has never had "roomers" in his home and no other persons other than his family have resided in his residence. He does not know a person by the name of ROCCO or ROBERT PRANNO, and the photograph of ROCCO PRANNO is completely unfamiliar to him. No one by the name of PRANNO or PERRINO has resided in his residence during the period he has lived there.

[redacted] pointed out, however, that he formerly was acquainted with a bartender, [redacted] formerly lived in [redacted] Illinois, and served time in Cook County Jail for non-support of his wife and children. About two or three years ago, [redacted] came to him, just after being released from jail, and asked to use his residence as a mailing address. [redacted] later picked up mail under the name ROBERT PRANO which had been sent to [redacted] Illinois. He recalls some of the mail was from the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, and is of the opinion this mail concerned driver's license and automobile registration.

[redacted] stated he has not received any mail for [redacted] in the past few months and has not seen [redacted] for about one year.

On 5/7/63 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-924 -2074

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL/sck Date dictated 5/9/63

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SAC, CHICAGO (92-924) 5/27/63

SAC, MEMPHIS (92-626)(RUC)

ROCCO SALVATORE FRANNO
AR

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis dated 4/24/63.

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted] at Nashville, Tenn., on 5/1/63:

[redacted] Clerk, Motor Vehicle Revenue Division, Tennessee Department of Revenue, War Memorial Building, advised that records of that office indicate that 1963 Tennessee license [redacted] was purchased by [redacted] Tennessee. This license was purchased for a 1960 Ford, two-door, blue and white in color, and bearing Identification [redacted]

[redacted], Motor Vehicle Title Division, Tennessee Department of Revenue, Security Federal Building, stated that records of that division reveal that a 1960 Ford bearing Identification [redacted] was titled on 2/11/63 to [redacted] address is listed as being [redacted] Tennessee. On 1/30/63, a $1,281.12 lien is listed against this vehicle in favor of the Union Planters National Bank, Madison Avenue Branch, Memphis, Tenn.

The following persons on 5/13/63 advised SA GEORGE W. HYMERS that they do not know [redacted]

[redacted] RFD #1, Counce, Tennessee, operator of [redacted]

[redacted] RFD #1 mail carrier, Counce, Tenn. (There is no RFD #2, Counce, Tenn.);

[redacted] Post Office Clerk, Counce, Tenn. (Both [redacted] said mail had been received at their post office addressed to [redacted] but it had been returned to sender as this person was unknown there.);

[redacted] operator of a [redacted] Counce, Tenn.;

LIDE GOOCH, Postmaster, Michie, Tenn.

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2 - Memphis
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A check of the indices of the Memphis Office failed to reveal any reference to [redacted] b6 b7C

A check of the current City Directories for the City of Memphis, Tenn., reveals that [redacted], is employed as a stock clerk at the Liberty Cash Warehouse.

In view of this information, no further investigation is being conducted.

Chicago, Illinois
June 20, 1963

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent William L. Bailey dated and captioned as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who is familiar with residents and activities in Stone Park, Illinois area.

Chicago T-2 is an individual acquainted with Rocco Pranno and Pranno's activities and associates.

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CHICAGO	CHICAGO	6/24/63	4/30 - 6/13/63

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO, aka.	WILLIAM L. BAILEY	vmm
	CHARACTER OF CASE: AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA WILLIAM L. BAILEY dated 5/7/63 at Chicago.
Memphis letter to Chicago dated 5/27/63, (IO).

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Continue to conduct investigation regarding the subject, his associates and activities with the view toward developing a possible violation of a Federal law.

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CG 92-924

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information from the records of [redacted] was furnished by [redacted]

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Information from the records of [redacted] was furnished by [redacted]

In order to further conceal the identity of PCI [redacted] two T symbols are being utilized in this report.

INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is PCI [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] and SA WILLIAM L. BAILEY on 5/10/63.

CG T-2 is PCI [redacted] contacted on 5/15 - 16/63.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA WILLIAM L. BAILEY
Date: 6/24/63

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File No.: 92-924

Bureau File No.: 92-5806

Title: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 1608 North 29th Street, Stone Park, Illinois, and continues to operate D'Ors Supper Club at 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois. Investigation disclosed that PRANNO presently drives automobile registered to ROCCO PRANNO, 1166 North Beverly Lane, Arlington Heights, Illinois; however, inquiry in Arlington Heights indicates PRANNO never resided at this address. Assistant States Attorney, Cook County, has advised that he contemplates presenting facts to Cook County Grand Jury relative to charging PRANNO with a felony violation for fraudulent driver's license. Records of [redacted] b7D

[redacted] ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CG 92-924

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

CG T-1 advised on May 3, 1963, that ROCCO PRANNO continues to reside at 1608 North 39th Street, Stone Park, Illinois, and that he continues to operate D'Ors Supper Club at 1731 Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On April 30, 1963, and May 8, 1963, [redacted] Assistant States Attorney, Cook County, Illinois, with offices in the Criminal Court Building, 26th and California Avenue, Chicago, advised that he is presently going over the facts concerning ROCCO PRANNO's fraudulent driver's license application and he contemplates presenting the facts to a Cook County Grand Jury within the near future. He advised that he will seek an indictment charging PRANNO with a felony under the laws of the State of Illinois, noting that PRANNO has never resided at 1166 North Beverly Lane, Arlington Heights, Illinois, as he PRANNO, has claimed. [redacted] related that he would advise this office immediately concerning legal action taken against PRANNO and believes that he may possibly get an indictment returned no later than July, 1963.

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

On May 3, 1963, CG T-1 advised that there is no doubt in his, informant's, opinion that ROCCO PRANNO controls Mid-Central Sewer and Water Main Company. T-1 believes PRANNO utilizes this company as a "legitimate front" and has "arrangements" with Stone Park Village Trustees to approve all sewer work bids and Mid-Central thereby is assured of all sewer contracts. Informant believes, PRANNO will, in the future, "arrange" to obtain street paving jobs in Stone Park when this job is started, possibly one year hence.

CG T-1 advised that PRANNO's cab company is North Park Cab Company and that it is now operating in Stone Park and apparently is being managed by [redacted] Stone Park.

CG T-1 further advised that [redacted] is the [redacted] at D'Ors and presently resides [redacted]

MISCELLANEOUS

CG T-2 advised in May, 1963, that PRANNO's [redacted] resides [redacted] Illinois. T-2 further advised that PRANNO has a young white male [redacted] (LNU), driving for him and another young man [redacted] (LNU) who resides either on [redacted] working for him as a [redacted] T-2 said that [redacted] a Negro works for PRANNO as [redacted] and normally [redacted] each morning. b6 b7C

CG T-2 advised that recently PRANNO had to pay money to the Internal Revenue Service and he said the girl who keeps his books at D'Ors was sent out for money orders for this purpose. She purchased most of the money orders at the Bank of Broadway and some at the Melrose Park National Bank, both banks located in Melrose Park, Illinois. [redacted] is an [redacted] of the Melrose Park National Bank and according to T-2 is believed to [redacted] has been known to play cards with an individual named SAM BATTAGLIA who has the reputation of participating in numerous activities with the organized criminal element in the Chicago area. b6 b7C b7D

It is noted that on April 10, 1963, 1960 Ford bearing 1963 Tennessee license [redacted] was parked in the rear of D'Ors Supper Club, 1741 Mannheim Road. b6 b7C

CG 92-924

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted] at Nashville, Tennessee on May 1, 1963:

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[redacted] Clerk, Motor Vehicle Revenue Division, Tennessee Department of Revenue, War Memorial Building, advised that records of that office indicate that 1963 Tennessee license number [redacted] was purchased by [redacted] Tennessee. This license was purchased for a 1960 Ford two-door, blue and white in color, and bearing Identification number [redacted]

[redacted] Clerk, Motor Vehicle Title Division, Tennessee Department of Revenue, Security Federal Building, stated that records of that division reveal that a 1960 Ford bearing Identification number [redacted] was titled on February 11, 1963, t[redacted] address is listed as being [redacted] Tennessee. On January 30, a $1,281.12 lien is listed against this vehicle in favor of the Union Planters National Bank, Madison Avenue Branch, Memphis, Tennessee.

The following persons on May 13, 1963, advised SA GEORGE W. HYMERS that they do not know [redacted]

[redacted] RFD Number 1, Counce, Tennessee, operator of [redacted]

[redacted] RFD Number 1 mail carrier, Counce, Tennessee, (There is no RFD Number 2, Counce, Tennessee.);

[redacted] Post Office Clerk, Counce, Tennessee (Both [redacted] said mail had been received at their post office addressed to [redacted] but it had been returned to sender as this person was unknown there.);

[redacted] operator of a [redacted] Counce, Tennessee;

LIDE GOOCH, Postmaster, Michie, Tennessee

CG 92-924

A check of the current City Directories for the City of Memphis, Tennessee, reveals that [redacted] b6 b7C of [redacted] is employed as a stock clerk at the Liberty Cash Warehouse.

On May 15, 1963, CG T-2 advised that [redacted] is out to get [redacted] and to obtain the job for himself. He hopes to do this by accusing [redacted] of holding out on funds collected from attornies on personal injury suits. [redacted] wants to have a showdown in front of "Jimmy" PRANNO and has indicated that [redacted] who is a [redacted] on the Stone Park Police Department intends to have a meeting with PRANNO regarding this matter.

CG T-2 advised on May 16, 1963, that [redacted] did met with ROCCO PRANNO and that PRANNO would not become a party to having [redacted] removed from office. [redacted]

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] told PRANNO that he, PRANNO, should make an appearance at the Elmhurst Country Club, where the Broadview Police Department and the North Lake Police Department were planning to have an affair in the future (date unknown), as [redacted] would be there.

FD-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Chicago, Illinois
June 24, 1963

Title ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Reference is made to report of Special Agent William L. Bailey dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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1 - USA, Chicago
2 - Chicago (92-924)
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FD-209 (Rev. 11-23-60)
OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 6-17-63

FROM : SA William L. Bailey

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 6-17-63

Titles and File #s on which contacted Rocco Franno, AR- @ Bailey

Purpose and results of contact

☒ Negative
☒ Positive

PCI advised 6/17/63 that during recent visit to Rocco Franno's Supper Club, D'OR'S, he noticed that Franno now has a new [redacted]. This individual is a young white male named [redacted] apparently works part-time in D'ORS as [redacted] and also as [redacted] for Franno.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating Very Good

Coverage June 92-924

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1- [redacted]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-924)

DATE: 6/6/63

FROM : SA PETROS A. KOTSOS

SUBJECT: ROCCO PRANNO
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On May 16, 1963, spot fisur at D'Ors Lounge, 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois, was conducted and at 2:35 PM a Chevrolet bearing 1963 Wisconsin License [redacted] was noted parked in front of the lounge.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [redacted] b7D

DATE: 6-26-63

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

☑ CI ☐ SI

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact

6/6, 10, 14/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Rocco Salvatore Pranno	92-924
TFI	15- (SA [redacted]) b6 b7C

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☑ POSITIVE

(See attached)

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Very good	Coverage: same

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RFR:

On 6/6/63 Informant furnished the following information: There are three rooms above Morgana Motors garage in Store Park. One of these rooms is finished in wood paneling and is equiped with a bar on the north side. The only entrance to the upstairs room is through the garage. It has been heard that Wills Bros. circus has been using the upstairs for past six months to conduct promotional work - mail has been delivered to them there.

On 6/10/63 Informant furnished following information: [redacted] owns on friendly terms with [redacted] who was involved in a recent hijack case in which arrests were made by FBI. It is believed the Store Park PD will "clam up" if called to testify in that case. b6 b7C

[redacted] has 2-way radio in his private auto tune to Police broadcasts. b6 b7C

On 6/14/63 Informant furnished the following information to SA William Bailey: On 6-14-63 Informant observed [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Informant is of opinion L + M paying Crawns in connection with village work in Stone Park, Ill.

Informant advised Crawns is in dire need of waitress at D'ors. Informant felt this would be good time for FBI to get a source of information working in D'ors.

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/7/63

Records of [redacted] b7D

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 5/3/63 at [redacted] File # CG 92-924 b7D

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL/vmm Date dictated 5/6/63

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/12/63

Records of [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

On 5/31/63 at [redacted] File # CG 92-924 [redacted] b7D

by SA JOSEPH H. SERVEL/ptc

Date dictated 6/6/63

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/29/63

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[redacted] home telephone [redacted] was contacted at his residence at which time he was advised that he did not have to make any statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in court. He was advised he had the right to an attorney.

[redacted] advised that he is employed full time by [redacted] and is presently assigned to the [redacted]

He advised that during [redacted] he [redacted] and learned that an individual named JIM MARTEL, whom he now knows to be ROCCO FRANNO, was opening a restaraunt and lounge on Mannheim Road in Stone Park, Illinois. He went to this restaurant which was to be opened as a key club, known as the Key Lounge [redacted]

[redacted] the Key Lounge appeared to be a legitimate operation in every respect and he knew of no illegal activity on the part of FRANNO or his associates. He advised that FRANNO's closest associates included [redacted] who operates a sewer business and [redacted] who appears to be FRANNO's right hand man. He advised that the Key Lounge was actually operated under the corporate charter of Hat and Cane, Inc., and the bank account for the business was maintained at the Broadway National Bank, Melrose Park. He advised that as he recalled, FRANNO had very little money to operate and was always trying to make every dollar stretch. He said FRANNO was indebted to [redacted] for bar supplies and owed some furnishing business located at Halsted and Milwakee in Chicago, several hundred dollars.

On 5/21/63 at [redacted] File # CG 92-924

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOSEPH H. SERVEL/bap Date dictated 5/27/63

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[redacted] stated he wanted it made known [redacted] He advised that he would be delighted to help the FBI and should information come to his attention in the future regarding PRANNO and his activities, he would advise the FBI.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 7/9/63

FROM : SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF

SUBJECT: ROCCO PRANNO

On 7/5/63 Sheriff EDWARD J. DOWD, McHenry County SO, Woodstock, Ill., telephonically furnished the following information:

On that date he was reviewing the log in his office, and noted that at 4:03 am the Walworth County, Wis. SO, Elkhorn, Wis., via radio, requested a license check on 1963 Illinois [redacted] At 4:40 am the same morning, 7/3/63, his Office notified Elkhorn that this license is assigned to [redacted] Ill., on a 1962 Cadillac. b6 b7C

DOWD had no additional information in this regard, and he did not know if the SO in Elkhorn, or some other town in Walworth County, had an interest in this car.

92-924-617

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JUL 11 1963
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted] b7D

DATE: 7-24-63

FROM : SA William L. Bailey

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dates of Contact 7-19-63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Rocco Pranno, AR @ Bailey

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

PCI advised that [redacted] b6 b7C and [redacted] are both former [redacted] of the Key Lounge. They worked for Pranno during period November, 1960 to March or April 1961. [redacted] subsequently married [redacted] also a former [redacted] for Pranno. Both girls are in their early [redacted] and present addresses unknown.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Very good	Coverage: Same

Personal Data

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1 - [redacted] b7D

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C.C. Enclosed

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-924) DATE: 7/30/63

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-375) - RUC -

SUBJECT: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO
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OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Springfield 2/26/63 and Springfield letter to Chicago 3/27/63.

[redacted] Supervisor, Corporation Department, Secretary of State, State House, Springfield, Illinois, advised SA CECIL M. MILLER that Hat and Cane, Inc. of 1741 Mannheim Road, Chicago, Illinois, had filed its annual reports for years 1962 and 1963 and had paid the fees attendant thereto. The reports reflected the following:

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[redacted]

Reports reflected corporation was engaged in the sale of food and beverages and had a capital of $5,000.

2 - Chicago (92-924)
1 - Springfield (92-375)

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TO: CHIEF CLERK	Date

Subject

Aliases

Address	Birth Date	Birthplace	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

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NI - Not identical
? - Not identifiable
U - Unavailable reference

Indices Search Slip
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TO: CHIEF CLERK	

Subject

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Address	Birth Date	Birthplace	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted] DATE: **8/8/63** b7D

FROM : SA [redacted] [X] CI [ ] SI b6 b7C

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

Dates of Contact

July 29 and August 1, 1963

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO **92-924**

[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] **ET AL**

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE

[X] POSITIVE

See attached

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: **Very Good**

Coverage: **Same**

Personal Data

92-924-220

[redacted]

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[redacted] b7D

On July 29, 1963, informant furnished the following information:

It is rumored in the Home improvement field that [redacted] made a fortune while he was a Home Improvement Loan Officer at [redacted] in [redacted] is now [redacted] Illinois, is alleged to be buying "lousy paper" on Home Improvement Loans. Informant does not presently have any information of any specific violation of Federal law by [redacted] b6 b7C

On August 1, 1963, informant furnished the following information:

DANNY PROVENZANO was ousted last Friday as Chief of Northlake Police Department. The new chief is LEE GEHRKE who has taken a leave of absence from the Chicago Police Department to accept the position. DANNY PROVENZANO (related to [redacted] of Stone Park Police Department) never got along with ROCCO PRANNO and was instrumental in keeping PRANNO out of Northlake. Informant feels that PRANNO will now start operating in Northlake. b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [redacted]

DATE: 7/24/63

FROM : SA [redacted]

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

7/15/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

~~ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO~~	~~92-924~~
~~TFIS~~	~~15-0~~

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE

[X] POSITIVE

See Attached.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: **Very Good**	Coverage: **Same**
Personal Data		

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On July 15, 1963, informant furnished the following information:

[redacted] b6 b7C
(77-12960), lives at [redacted] Illinois, second floor. [redacted] recently told informant that he and two other men (not identified) from [redacted] have been doing some hi-jacking and picking up things. [redacted] offered to get informant an Eagle brand suit at $25 and a 19" Zenith portable TV at $25. Informant will attempt to obtain further information concerning this.

ROCCO PRANNO asked informant to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant said he heard that Chief PROVENZANO of Northlake, Illinois Police Department was bounced because he stepped on too many toes. [redacted] of Melrose Park Police Department says he was offered the job but turned it down because he thought he was better off in Melrose Park and would be next in line for the position of Chief there. b6 b7C